【村田真哉】Shinya Murata

この世は弱肉強食。
自分が生きるため、争い、傷付け、殺す。
これは生物である以上、ごく当たり前の事です。
しかしそれが「他者を受け入れられない」という
意思の弱さからくるものであってはなりません。
これは人間である以上、ごく当たり前の事です。

【いふじシンセン】Shinsen Ifuji

お手に取って頂きありがとうございます。
お陰様で何とか一冊分描く事ができました。
まだまだ拙い絵ですが楽しんで頂ければ幸いです。

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SQUARE ENIX.

叔父と暮らしている高校生・アリスは苛められて過ごしている。
ある日、アリスは「蜘蛛」と呼ばれる殺し屋に叔父が殺されるのを目撃する！
気を失ったアリスが目覚めた先は「蜘蛛」の自宅だった…。
そして、身内もいないアリスは「蜘蛛」によって殺し屋として育てられることに…!!

ARACHNID

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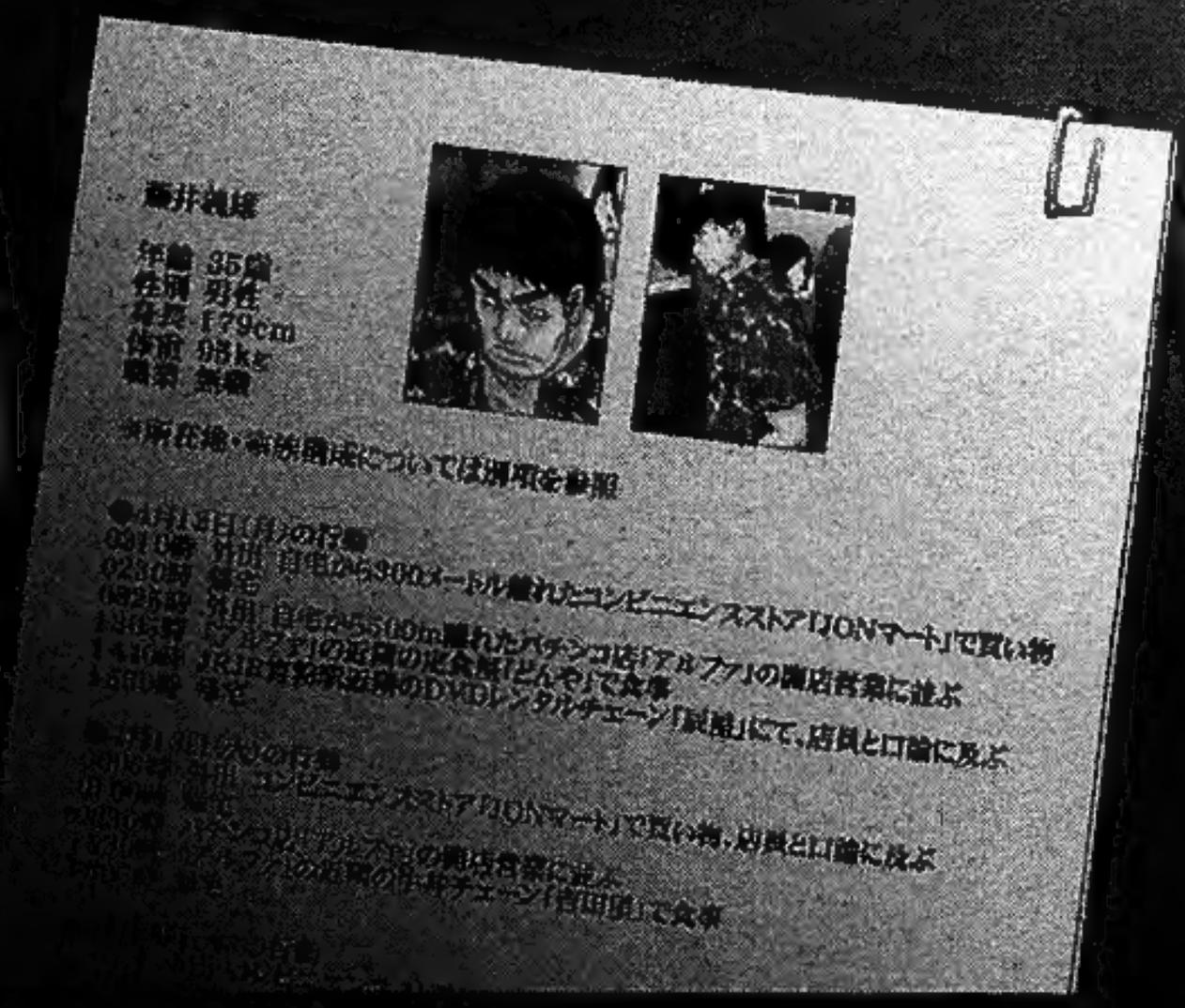
HE'S YOUR AVERAGE PUNK THAT BORROWED THREE MILLION FROM A LOAN SHARK.

YOUR NEXT TARGET IS *FUJII YOSHIO.*



THAT'S SHIDEMUSHI'S JOB.

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HOW WILL I CLEAN UP AFTER-WARDS?

DEAL WITH BOTH OF THEM.

HE ONLY HAS ONE RELATED DIRECT RELATIVE, HIS NIECE.

AH...

IT'S YOUR SPECIALTY, RIGHT, *KUMO*?

IT'LL BE FINE IF YOU JUST CONCENT-RATE ON KILLING.

...CONCENT-RATION IS MY SPECIALTY.

第1話：No Choice But to Kill

ALICE.

WHAT'CHA THINKING ABOUT?

UHH... FUJII ALICE..?

HEY, HEY..!

YOU GIRLS LEFT ME OUT OF THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS HUH...

I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT HER.

YOU REAP WHAT'CHA SOW, EH?

GOT TEASED TOO MUCH?

OR COULD IT BE 'CAUSE OF HER FAMILY AGAIN?

SHE'S SLACKING OFF AGAIN, ISN'T SHE?

THAT "BOOK" YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT...

WHAT? WHAAAT?

YOU'RE LYING IF YOU DIDN'T SEE HER ALL CONFUSED READING THAT BOOK.

IT'S JUST IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO USE IT, HUH...

IT'S AWFUL.

GAH, THE HECK'S THIS...

A DICTIONARY HUH...

Alice!

Alice!!

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Alice!!

Can't you hear me?!

Oi!

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It just won't click no matter how many times I call you, huh?!

U-UNCLE...

AH...

Huh?!

What would I do if I starved to death?!

...the city will stop giving me child support!

Bitch, if you don't seriously start going to school...

Think of a better excuse!!

That bullshit again?!

I... NO MATTER WHAT I DO, I JUST SEEM TO GIVE UP...

S-SORRY... UNCLE...

IT'S 'CAUSE YOUR DAUGHTER HAS THAT CONDITION...

.....

HUH?!

...WASN'T THAT WHERE YOUR MOTHER'S ANXIETY CAME FROM?

MOTHER COMMIT-TED SUICIDE.

AS A RESULT OF HER INCRE-ASING DEPRE-SSION,

AT THE END OF LAST YEAR,

...I NOW BASICALLY RELY ON MY SOLE RELATIVE, MY UNCLE...

IT WAS BECAUSE OF ME THAT MOTHER DISAPPEAR-ED AND SUDDENLY I BECAME ALL ALONE...

I DON'T REALLY LIKE MY UNCLE.

IN THIS APARTMENT.

I ENDED UP LIVING WITH HIM

...IF HE FORCES ME OUT, I HAVE NOWHERE ELSE TO GO TO.

I HONESTLY DON'T WANT TO LIVE IN THIS PLACE, BUT...

IF HE DOESN'T LIKE SOMETHING I DO, HE SHOUTS AND BEATS ME.

TO MAKE HIMSELF HAPPY, HE SAYS BAD THINGS ABOUT MY MOTHER AND ANYONE ELSE I CARE ABOUT.

TH.S ,S A GOOD CHANCE

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT HOLD IT OFF...

NOW,

YOU'RE ALSO BECOMING...

...A BIG GIRL NOW, HUH...

I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU SOME SERIOUS MANNERS.

MY OLDER SISTER SPOILED YOU TOO MUCH

EH...

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M-
Mmm..!

U-
Uuu..!

ぶぅ!?

A-All of a sudden..!

What're you..?!

ぶぁ

Ah-

Stop!!

Stop...

DON'T MAKE SUCH A FUSS.

I'll kill you.

.....

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YOU'LL BE A BIG GIRL NOW...

THAT'S RIGHT.

WHO IS IT?!

NOISY PEOPLE...

SHIT...

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APART FROM HERE,

WELL, WHATEVER YOU TRY AND DO ANYWAY,

DON'T YOU DARE RUN.

YOU'VE GOT NOWHERE ELSE TO GO TO, HUH?

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Uuu...

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IF...

IF I DON'T RUN FOR IT...

THIS WON'T WORK.

IF I'M GOING TO GET AWAY...

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I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT FORCE MY WAY THROUGH...

...I'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE FRONT DOOR.

YOU THE NIECE?

.....

I FIGURED YOJ'D HAVE GONE TO SCHOOL, HOWEVER...

RIGHT ABOUT NOW,

.....

...YOU SAVED ME A LOT OF TIME.

WHA?

...DID IT?

WHO'S HE..?

THAT GUY...

WHAT'S THIS..?

...ME?

NEXT IS...

BLAPE?

WHAT'S THAT..?

I'M NEXT..?

IT LOOKS PAINFUL...

I'M NEXT...

THIS SITUATION...

...I'LL BECOME LIKE HIM...

I'M NEXT..!

WHAT DO I DO?!

WHAT DO I DO..?

...I WON'T BE ABLE TO...

IF I DON'T RUN...

I'M NEXT...

HE WILL KILL ME...

WHAT CAN I DO...
WHAT CAN I DO TO SAVE MYSELF..?

WHAT CAN...

...I DO..?

!?

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BEFORE YOU KILL ME...

She dodged it..?!

She...

All of a sudden, the look in her eyes...

...and even the atmosphere, changed...

This can't be...

She..!

...I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL YOU..!

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Gah-

Haaaa...

Haa...

.....

Haaaa...

Haaaa...

Haa...

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YOU WOKE UP?

YO.

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CALM DOWN.

HAA...

HAA...

EH?

Ugh..!

IT'LL STILL HURT.

THIS IS WHERE I HIDE.

HERE... WHERE AM I..?

WELL,

SEEMS YOU PICKED UP A MINOR INJURY FIGHTING ME, HUH...

...ARE YOU?!

JUST WHO...

CODENAME *ARACHNID*. I AM AN ASSASSIN.

MY NAME IS KUMO.

.....

HOWEVER,

IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.

YOUR UNCLE...

...DON'T THEY ONLY APPEAR IN BOOKS..?

ASSASSIN... UM...

...NO LONGER EXISTS IN THIS WORLD.

ALREADY...

HUH..?

...WAS NOT A DREAM..

THAT...

...BOR-ROWED MONEY FROM AN UNDER-GROUND DEALER

FUJII YOSHIO

THAT...

WHY..?

CHIRON

W-

K-200

HE SOLD IT TO *THE ORGANIZATION*

FUJII WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO DEALT WITH THIS ILLEGAL MONEY, SO AFTER HE DID THAT,

THAT SUM OF MONEY,

CONSISTED OF MORE THAN 100 MILLION.

...THE ORGANIZATION...

THEY MAKE A LIVING SELLING THESE ON A LARGE SCALE.

...KILLS PEOPLE WITHIN FAMILIES AND STEALS THEIR FAMILY REGISTERS AND CITIZENSHIPS.

THE CORPSE IS ALSO LONG GONE.

IN ACTUALITY, HE WAS ALREADY DEAD.

HOWEVER,

FUJII YOSHIO WAS ON YOUR FAMILY REGISTER.

.....

...BACK TO MY HOUSE.

PLEASE LET ME GO...

COMPLETELY GONE.

THERE ISN'T A TRACE OF FUJII YOSHIO'S EXISTENCE LEFT.

WHERE DO YOU PLAN TO RETURN TO?

THAT HOUSE IS ALREADY CONSIDERED VACANT.

That...

I want to go back!!

...That's fine! Just let me go back!

...I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO.

FOR YOU...

I CAN'T DO THAT.

NO

PLEASE LET ME GO BACK.

P-

LET ME GO BACK.

IS BECAUSE YOU HAVE A VALUABLE BODY.

THE REASON WHY I CAN'T LET YOU DIE,

Let me...

Go bac-

Ahh..!

Gah..!

WAKE UP, ALICE.

Guh-

AND YOU HAVE TO KEEP LIVING WITH THAT CRITICISM.

THAT MAKES OTHERS THINK YOU ARE DULL, OR EVEN STUPID.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT, YOU AREN'T PAY.NG ENOUGH ATTENTION TO YOUR SURROUNDINGS.

YOU SPEND TOO MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT EVERY-THING.

THIS GUY...

T-

AM I WRONG?

A MENTAL DISORDER CALLED *CONGENITAL EXCESSIVE CONCENTRATION*

THAT'S *C.E.C.*

...HE KNEW ABOUT THAT?!

WHAT THE...

.T RESJLTS .N AN INCREASED RESPONSE TO A SINGLE EVENT. YOUR ABILITY TO RECOGN.ZE YOUR OPT.ONS, EXAMINE THEM, AND MAKE JUDGMENT ARE ALL VASTLY INCREASED.

WHEN THE EXECUT.ON FUNCT.ONS OF THE FRONTAL LOBE PASS THROUGH TH.S PART,

A PORTION OF MY BRAIN HAS SOME SORT OF DEFICIENCY.

I TOO HAVE THE SAME COND.T.ON.

IT M.GHT HINDER YOUR DAILY LIFE, BUT...

SOMETIMES THAT MEANS YOU AREN'T AB.E TO DO ANYTHING FOR A SHORT TIME.

AND THEN, WITH THAT POWER,

LEARN THE METHOD OF CONTROLLING THAT HERE.

SINCE IT'LL BE THE END OF THEM, JUST GO ALL OUT.

IF YOU HAVE ANYBODY YOU WANT TO GET RID OF,

I...

ALICE..?

YOU WANT TO, DON'T YOU,

...it would become a great power.

If you could control it...

IS THAT SO?

.....

...wanna!!

I don't...

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

Ah-

THEN I CAN ONLY KILL YOU NOW.

..WHERE?

WE'RE LEAVING

WE'RE LEAVING.

QU,CKLY EAT SOME FOOD.

...TSK.

TO MY BOSS.

THEN, YOU JUST NEED TO TAKE BACK YOUR FAMILY REGISTER.

YOU ARE TO KILL THE ORGANIZATION'S ASSASSIN.

IN HERE, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO RELEASE IT ALL.

ERM,

ASSASSIN-SAN,

I WILL MAKE HIM PROMISE YOUR SAFETY.

FIRST, I WILL COMMUNI-CATE WITH MY BOSS.

WHAT IS IT?

GRATEFUL FOR WHAT?

GRATE-FUL?

I DON'T THINK I'VE SHOWN YOU JUST HOW GRATEFUL I AM...

THAT...

LIKE HEALING MY WOUNDS... AND THIS NEW UNIFORM OF MINE...

LOTS OF TH.NGS!

01.

...WASN'T A VERY GOOD PERSON, SO...

UNCLE YOSHIO

I WOULDN'T MATTER TO YOU IF HE DIED?

SO IF HE WASN'T A GOOD GUY

.....

I KILLED YOUR UNCLE.

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

I THINK THAT'S WHY YOU DIDN'T KILL ME BACK THEN...

IF THAT'S TRUE, I...

...I CAN'T SEE YOU AS ONE OF THE BAD GUYS, SO...

YOU...

BUT...

N-NO...

I HAVE TWO REASONS FOR NOT KILLING YOU.

HE'...

...IS EVEN HARDER TO PLEASE THAN I AM.

MY BOSS...

HOLE

AND I CAN KILL YOU ANYTIME.

IT'LL BE WORTH PUTTING YOU TO USE,

YOU'D BETTER SHUT THAT IMPUDENT MOUTH OF YOURS.

IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE,

Ahh...

Ah...

Ah...

Ah...

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I TOLD YOU TO BRING WOMEN HERE, BUT...

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.....

KUMO.

...AIN'T SHE A BIT TOO YOUNG..?

WHAAAT?

...FUJII YOSHI'S NIECE..

THIS GIRL IS...

...IS THE BOSS..?

THAT GUY...

SHE HAS A TALENT THAT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO GET.

I WANT HER TO JOIN THE GROUP.

ALLOW HER TO LEARN HOW THE JOB WORKS

SUZUME BACHI,

I BROUGHT HER HERE TO CONTACT THE BOSS.

WE'RE QUITE PRACTICAL WITH IT, KUKU...

IF YOU'D LIKE, SHALL WE TEACH HER ALL OF IT?

THIS GIRLIE HERE HAS A BUNCH OF STUFF SHE SHOULD MEMORIZE BEFORE SHE STARTS WORKING

D.D YOU INTEND FOR THIS TO BE A JOKE?

IF YOU THOUGHT THAT SHOWING YOUR FACE AROUND HERE AFTER BEING AWAY FOR SO LONG WOULD WORK...

Hah?!

IF I WERE YOU, I'D STOP THERE.

.....

SHE'S MUCH MORE FEROCIOUS THAN SHE LOOKS.

THIS GIRLIE'S KUMO'S WEAKNESS, HUH..?

DEMON. NO WAIT

KUKU...

OHH..?

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

THAT'S QUITE THE WOUND..

THAT GIRL...

SHE INFLICTED THAT WOUND ON KUMO..?

...IS SOME-WHERE ELSE, HUH...

THE BOSS...

IT'S SUZUME BACHI.

YES.

I'LL CALL THE BOSS.

ピッ

FINE.

メモリクリア

YES.

YES?

……

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KILL HER.

SEEMS IT ISN'T POSSIBLE.

WHAT DID YOU SAY?

……

Immediately.

Kill the girl.

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Chapter 2 : I Want to Return

The hornet's attack against a human is due to its instinct in protecting its nest.

If one does not get near their nest or trespass their domain, they will be safe from harm.

Extremely aggressive and poisonous, the most wicked winged insect that can easily kill or drastically wound a person.

"Suzume Bachi," or Hornet.

Without any particular reason, one should not approach a nest as the chance of being attacked is very high.

However, the nest of the hornet's greatest kind, "Oosuzume Bachi," or the Asian Giant Hornet, is built within the Earth for protection.

Moreover...

If something goes there, they may be attacked as well.

...For the sake of their nest, one portion of the nest is sent off to discover separate feeding grounds.

Those that unluckily tread upon their domain...

...Their lives cannot be guaranteed.

Survival will depend upon a human's ability to overcome this threat of existence.

These insects have no other objective but to acquire a larger domain by passing through vast surroundings similar to this.

KILL HER.

IMMEDIATELY.
...KILL THE GIRL.

WHY?

.....

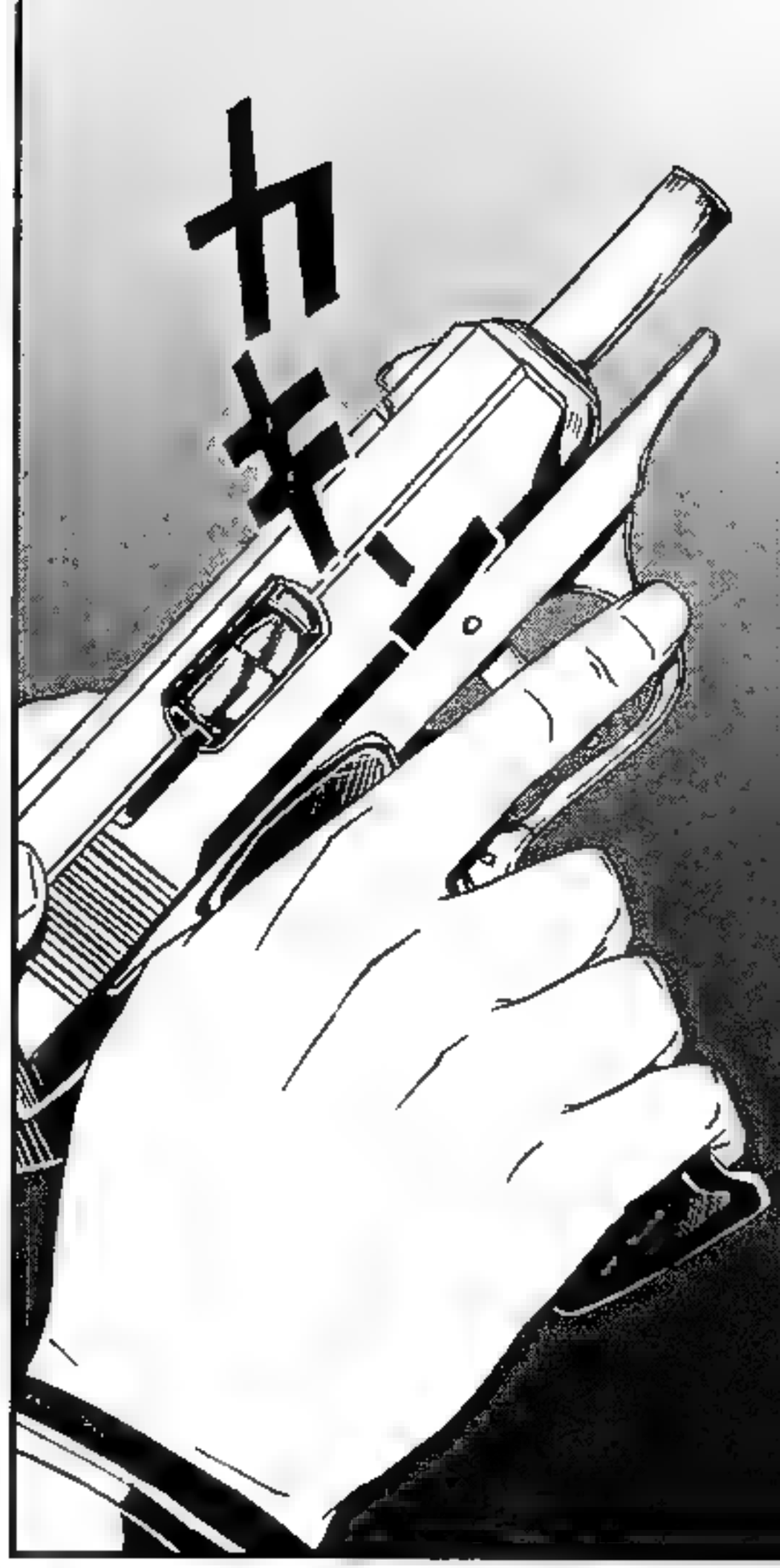
WHAT'S WRONG?

.....

...KILL HER.

WELL, IT SEEMS LIKE SHE DOESN'T HAVE A REASON TO LIVE ANY LONGER, SO...

BOSS ORDERS YOU.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ASSASSIN-
SAN...
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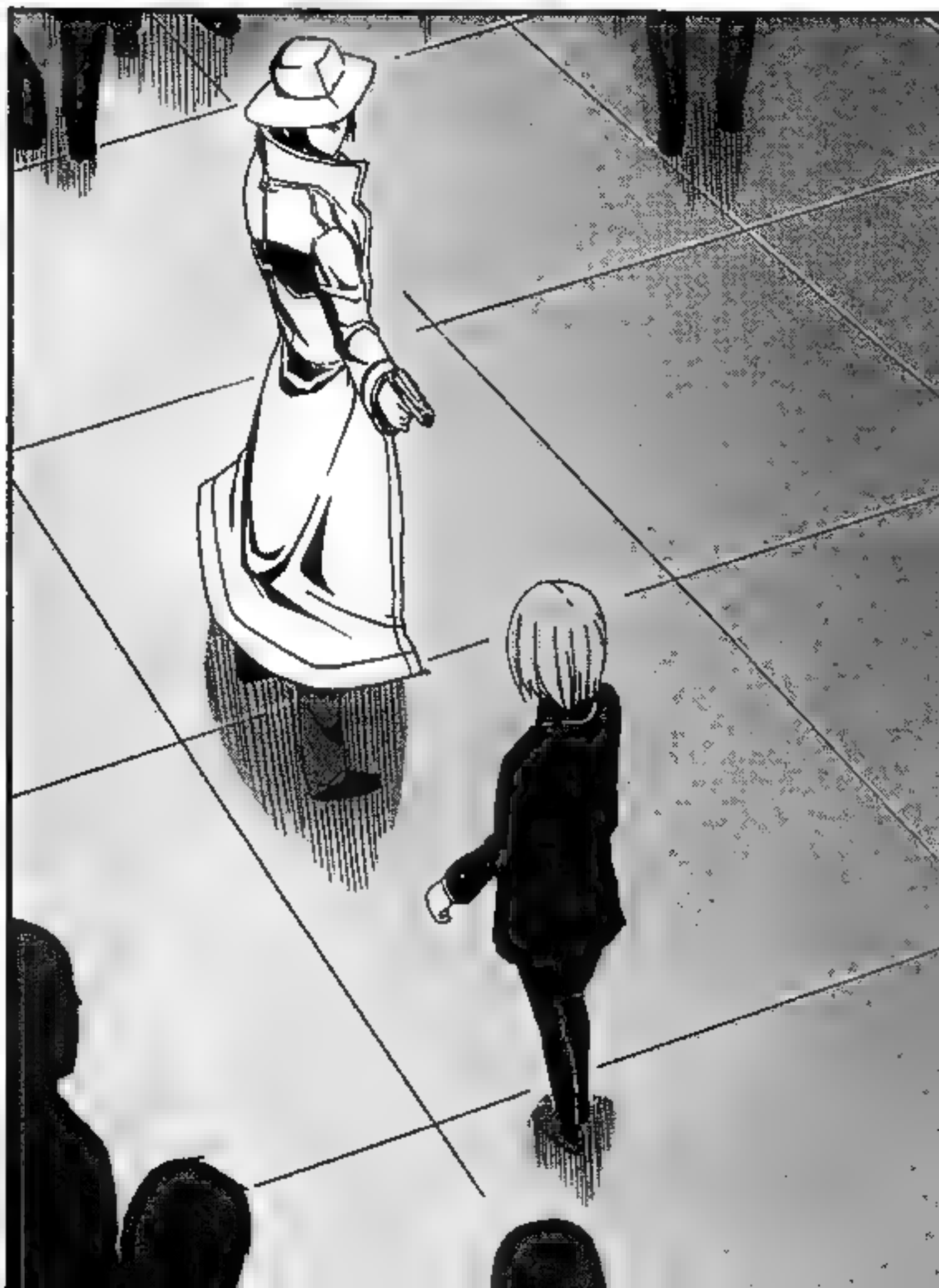

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SORRY.

HURRY UP AND DO IT ALREADY!

AH...!

A-

AH-

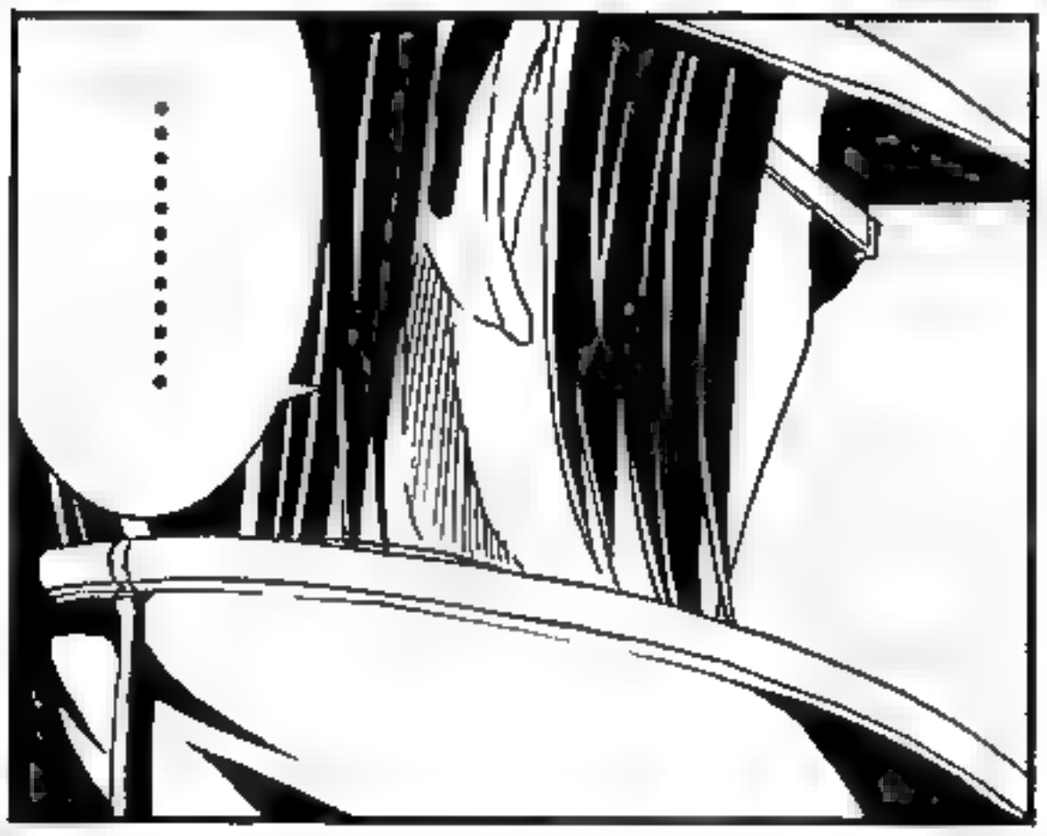
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

PLEASE PARDON ME, JUST THIS ONCE.

SORRY, SUZUME BACHI.

DISAPPEAR.

...I WILL REPORT THIS TO THE BOSS.
DISOBEYING ORDERS...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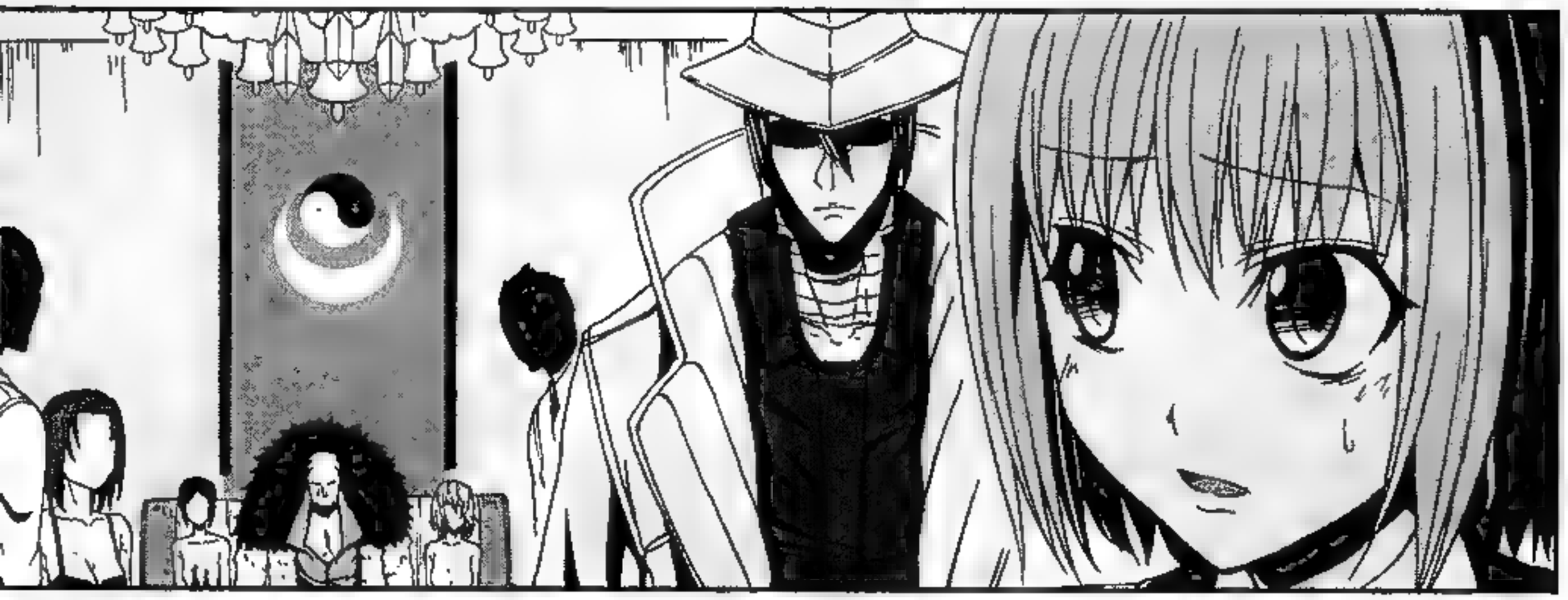

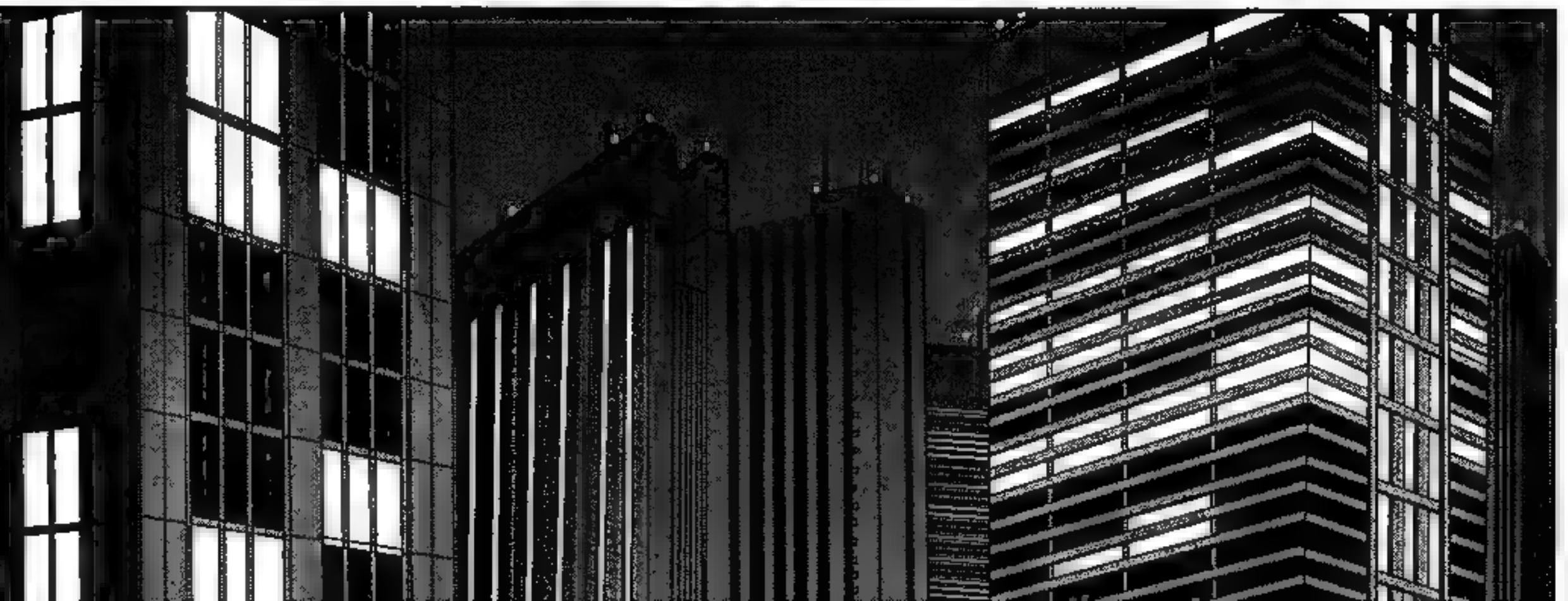

...DIDN'T YOU SHOOT?

WHY...

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BUT...

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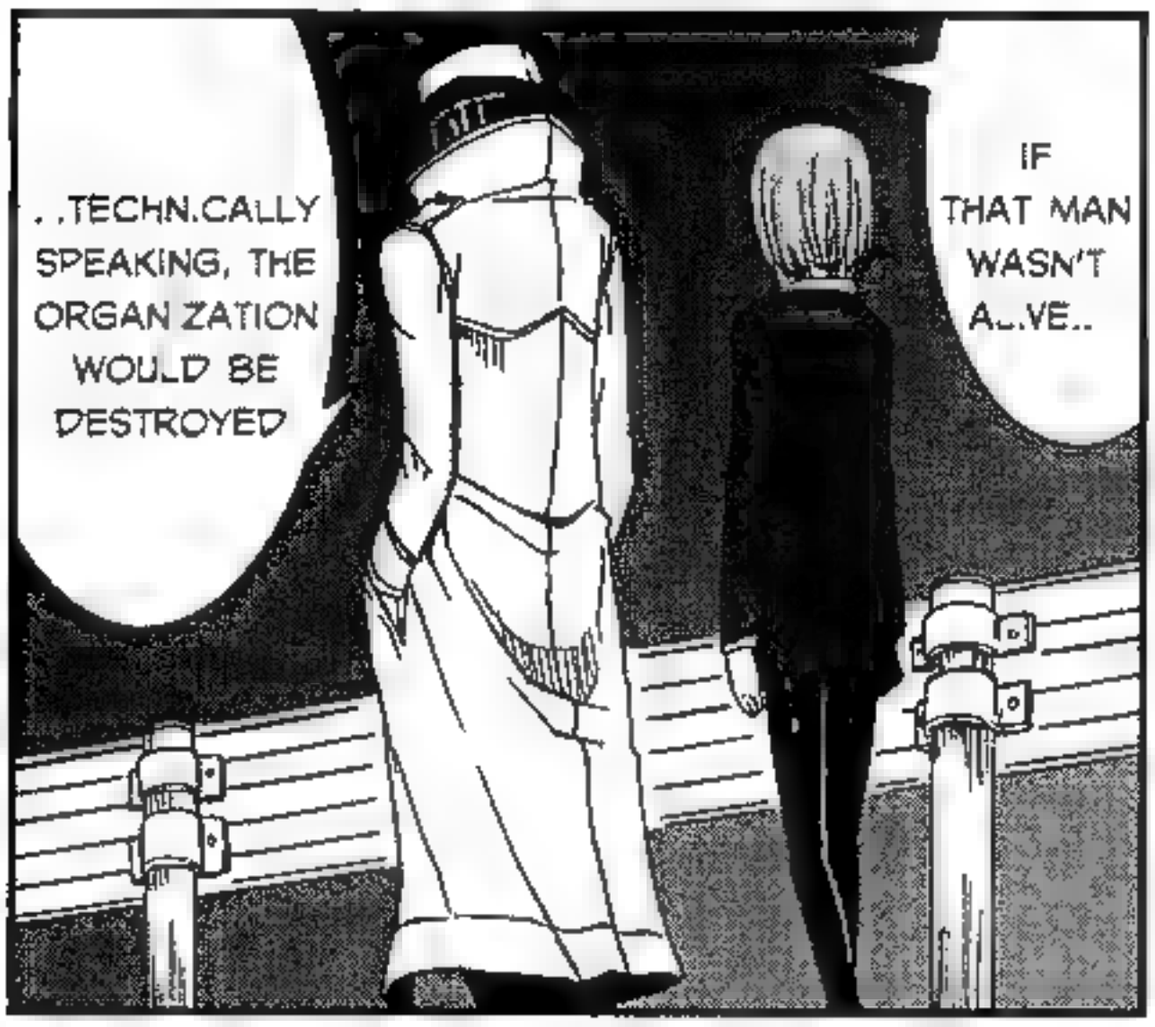
I TOLD YOU.

I HAVE SOMETHING YOU NEED TO DO FOR ME.

SUZUME BACHI IS THE PROBLEM.


..TECHN.CALLY SPEAKING, THE ORGAN ZATION WOULD BE DESTROYED
IF THAT MAN WASN'T A..VE..

COULD IT BE...
"SOME - BODY YOU WANT TO GET R D OF "

WHO CAN CONTACT THIS UNKNOWN BOSS.
THERE IS ONLY ONE MAN IN THE ORGAN- IZATION

BECAUSE IT WOULD BE UNSAFE FOR YOU TO GO OUT BY YOURSELF.

IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT, JUST SAY SO.

HERE, FOOD.

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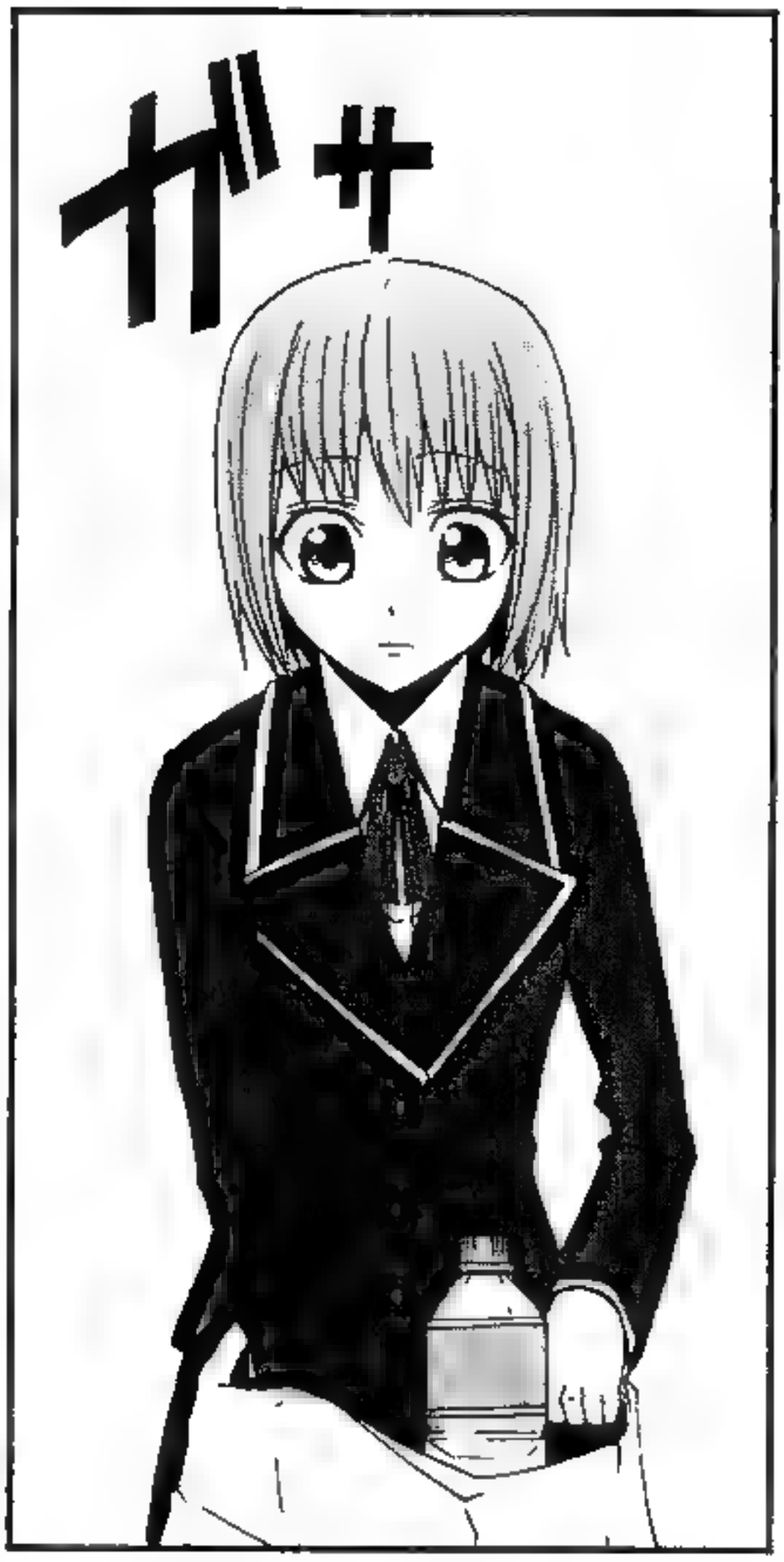
Ah...

...There's only one.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●名称・生菓
●原材料名:牛乳、
卵黄、砂糖、カラメル、
ゼラチン、乳たんぱく、
香料、トレハロース、
バニラビーンズ
●内容量
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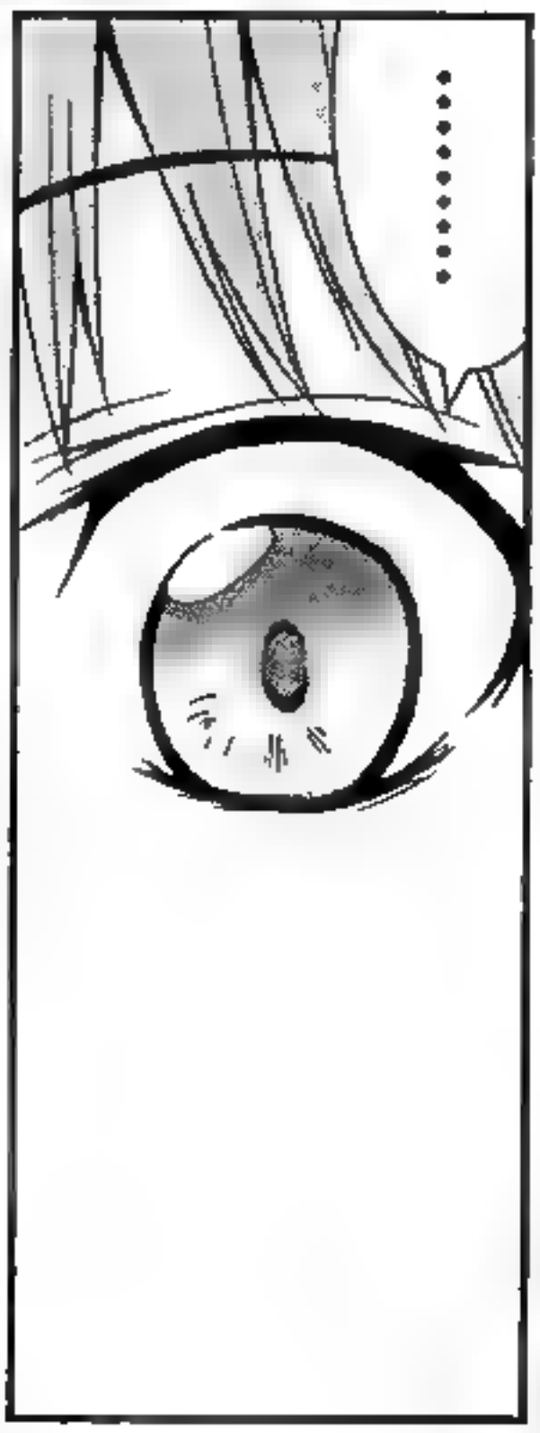
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...to eat this...
I wonder if it's okay...

BE CAREFUL.

WE'VE REALLY GOTTEN INTO IT NOW.

AH...

S-SORRY...

I WAS NEGLECTED AND DESPISED ALSO.

I WAS MISUND-ERSTOOD FOR A LONG TIME.

I'M THE SAME AS YOU.

YOU DON'T NEED TO APOL-OGIZE.

……

EXCESS HEREDITARY CONCENTRATION AND WHATNOT ARE CAUSED BY YOUR ABILITIES.

THIS TROUBLE-SOME,

YOU CAN CONTROL IT.

BUT,

I WILL TEACH YOU THE METHOD LATER.

Oh yeah...

Being misunderstood for a long time...

...Nobody understanding you...

...is also the same as me.

This person...

...alone...

...Forever...

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GREAT BASEMENT, HUH?

...DOING IN HER-

WHAT ARE WE...

The look on the outside looks like the usual house, but...

This is superb..!

THAT BLADE'S CALLED *KUMOITO*, OR SP.DER'S THREAD.

IT'S A WEAPON FOR KILLING.

AND TRY TO KILL ME.

USE IT,

YOUR CONCENT-RATION DOESN'T SLIP.

WHEN MANIPUL-ATING IT,

I...

...I CAN'T DO IT...

!?

CONCENTRATE.

UGH...

WAH..!

ZI

PLEASE STO-

P-

Why..?

CONCEN-
TRATE.

...In those eyes...

I...

This guy...

...YOU WILL DIE.

OTHERWISE...

...is dead serious...

Just what do I do?

What do I do?

...kill me.

He will really...

Just what is it that I can do?!

I have no choice then.

What should I even do?

I CAN'T DO ANYTHING...

...BUT KILL.

IT'S TOO BAD, BUT...

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GUH..!

...THE WAY YOU'RE USING IT IS WRONG.

...THESE WERE NOT BECAUSE THEY WERE TAUGHT BY THEIR PARENTS.

...THE WAY THEY THREAD THEIR WEBS AND HUNT WITHIN THEM

SPIDERS...

A NATURAL BORN KILLER.

THEIR NATIVE INSTINCT OF SLAUGHTERING IS BUILT INTO THEM THROUGH THEIR GENES.

DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH, YOU CAN'T WIN WITH ONLY THOSE AS THE MAIN FACTORS

THE DIFFERENCE IN PHYSIQUE, GENDER, AND AS WELL AS EXPERIENCE,

ONLY THE ONES THAT CONFORM TO THAT KILLING INSTINCT,

SURVIVE.

CALLING IT A SPORT WOULD BE WRONG.

KILLING IS THE CONDUCT STEMMING FROM A LIVING THING'S WAY OF LIFE.

YOU WILL SLEEP HERE.

TONIGHT,

WE WILL FIGHT AGA.N TOMORROW.

ALICE.

GOOD NIGHT,

Why..?

...Why must I do this sort of thing..?

...This hurts so much...

.....

...I want to return...

I can't take it anymore...

"...return..."

...But...

...exactly...

...where to..?

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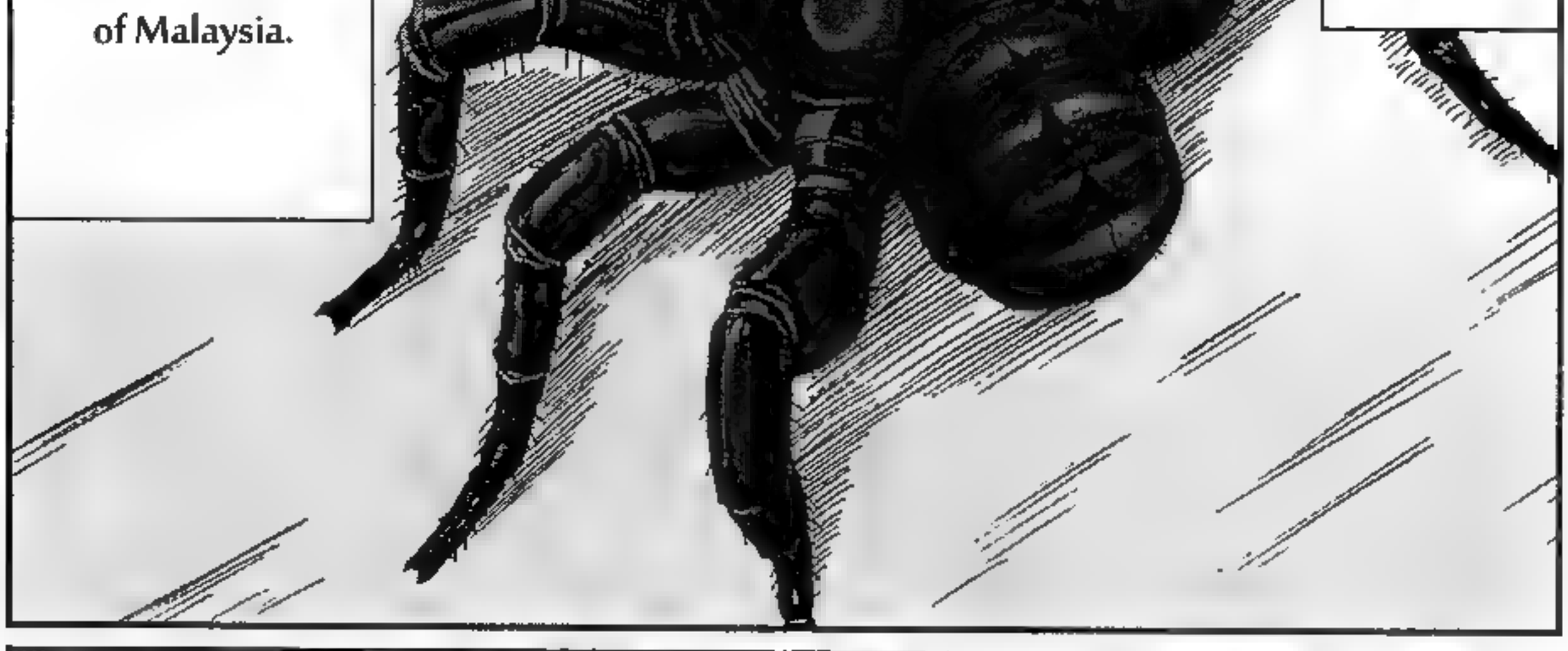
Chapter 3 : I Intend to Kill People

...A suborder of one of the most primitive arachnids living within the tropical rainforests of Malaysia.

The Liphistiomorphae...



it can enclose a burrow's surroundings with threads.

Without having to form a net,

...It feasts.

Jumping out from within the Earth...

it can sense the existence of potential desert.

With even the slightest touch,

it does not react at all.

...When it senses natural movements caused by falling leaves or by rainfall,

Being such an amazing predator, this arachnid...

it can perceive the outside world perfectly.

With only the movements of its threads,

Concentrate.

...Concentrate hard and feel them.

The vibration of things through the thread...

Though I can't feel the surface,

As well...

I can see the subtle changes in the atmosphere.

.....

What can you see?

A roaring sound.

..They're here

..They're coming..

And these bigger vibrations..

A train.

It is raining outside.

..The vibration of each fine strand sprinkling down..

...The sound of rain.

The rail is nearby.

A yell?

SERIOUSLY!

Nevermind, it's just the sound of a cat screeching.

A voice.

Footsteps.

Running.

A chat between women.

Is it a student?

The sound of laughter

Small steps.

A child?

Su...

ISN'T HE SUPER ANNOYING?

I can see many various things.

With this thread,

...is this?

Just what...

...Superb...

It was knitted out of a special pattern of an arachnid's five-micrometre thin threads.

Its entire thickness contains 19,000 parts.

Kumoito.

...it can also withstand up to 600 KG of weight as well as up to 1,500 degrees of heat.

While having a sensor that can perceive even the most minuscle of movement...

IF you lack even the slightest bit of concentration

However,

...it can also detach itself under one's command.

Moreover, with just a little extra strength added...

UGH...

Wha-

What is this...

Just like a real living arachnid,

it will entangle you

!

No way...

...It's coming towards me...

...It's going to kill me..!

...This can't be happening.

...It'll start attacking the owner on its own.

...If you lose control...

And with that, it has managed to survive for 400 million years.

However, it hones its senses in order to wrap its prey with its web.

Arachnids are arthro-pods with single eyes.

. It's difficult for them to pursue their desert with those eyes.

Competing with insects that have conjoined eyes...

...If it's you, you can do it.

However...

It's near impossible to control Kumoito.

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play around with it.

For the time being,

I'll be leaving now.

.....

.....

It closed.

Footsteps.

The sound of the door.

The open air passing through.

Nobody is there anymore.

I'll know quickly.

If anybody comes,

.....

At that time...

...He was hung by this same thread too, huh...

...My uncle...

But...

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.....

...a weapon meant to kill others.

In other words, this is...

...He is the only other person to have ever given me anything...

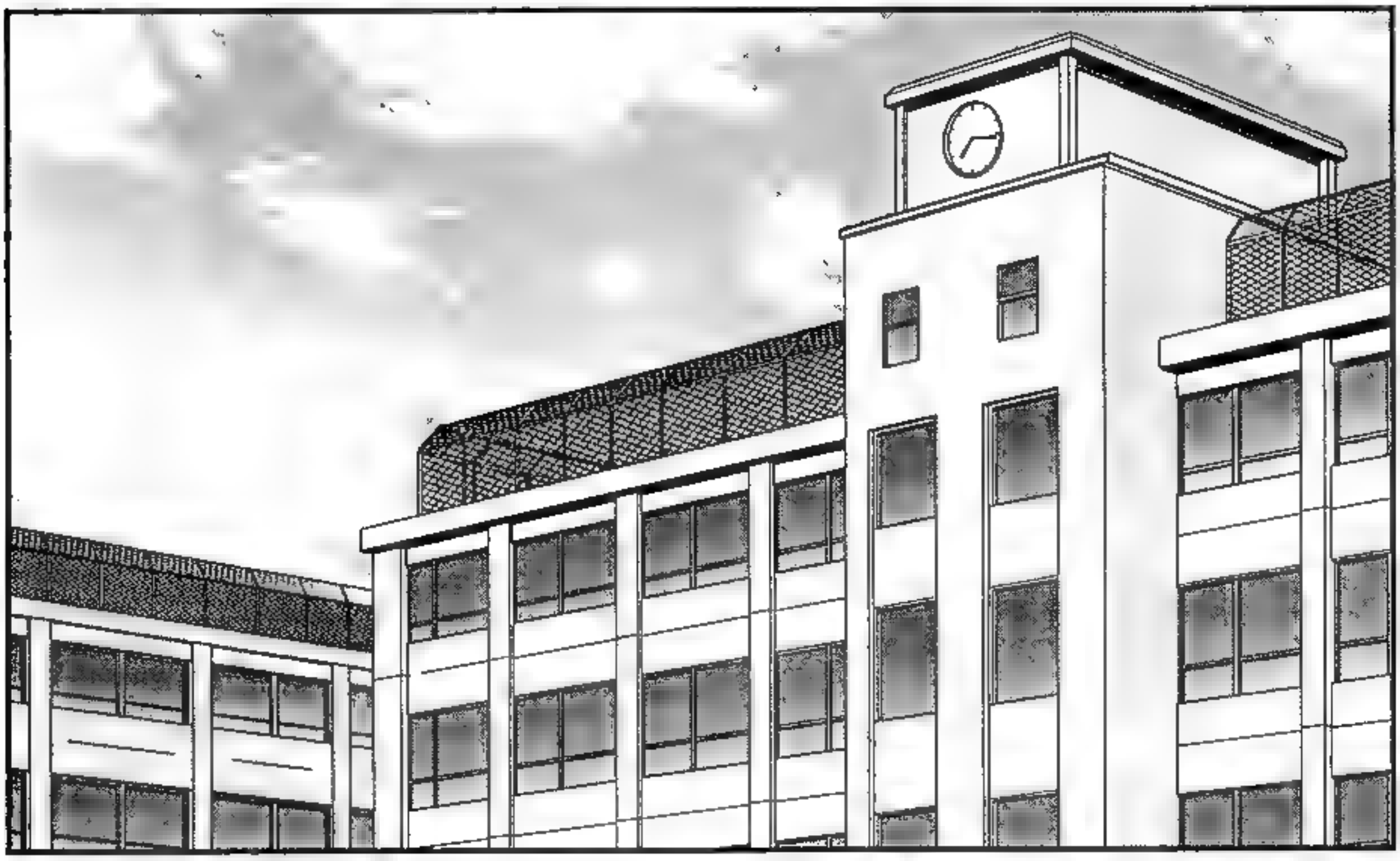
...Apart from my mother...

...I think...

...I believe, since birth...

...Yeah...

Fifteen Days Later



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"...Did I live an unhappy life?"

Even though I am in this class...

About the me lately,

Through-out the day, I have a very gloomy face.

"Am I missing out on the humour from the others?" These are the kinds of things I think about.

.....
...Those kinds of trivial issues...
...to having this gloomy mood, huh...
I have unnec-essarily come...

You're back, Fujii?
Oh-
Has your cold been cured already?
It's been two weeks, hasn't it?

...They were quite nostalgic, weren't they?
...Where I used to feel depressed about each and every time...

I'm very sorry about that.

It looks like my uncle forgot to contact you.

Ah... No, if that's it, then it's okay.

Yes, I have completely recovered.

Shit...

I thought that they'd definitely do something suspicious

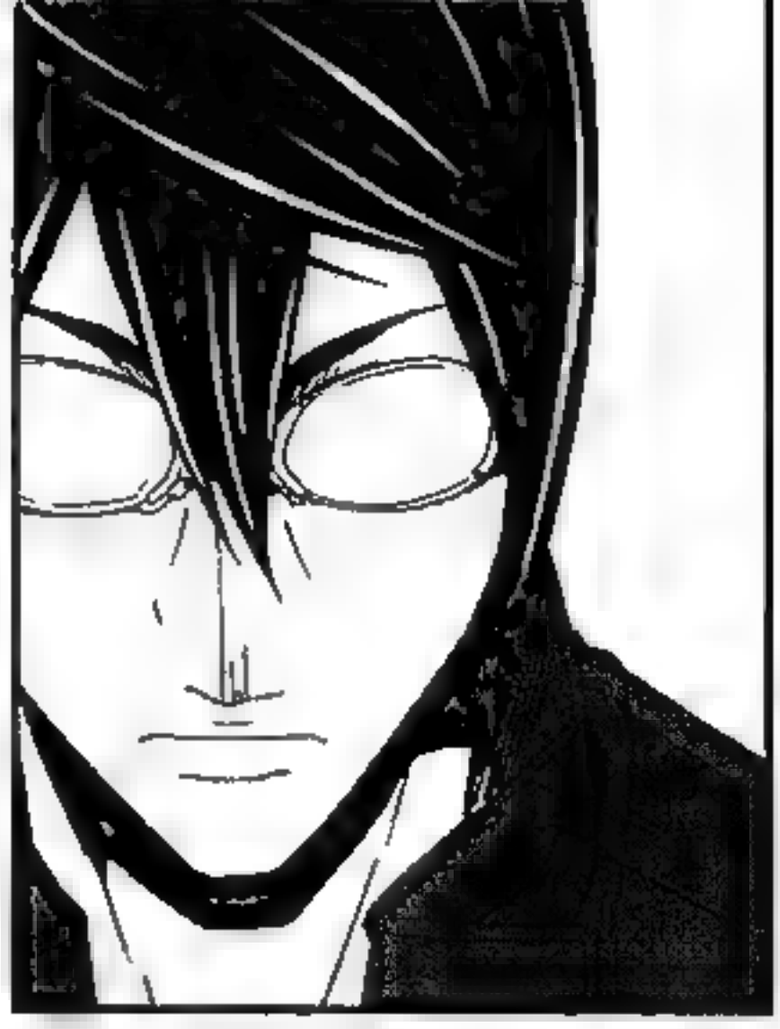
This is kinda boring, huh...

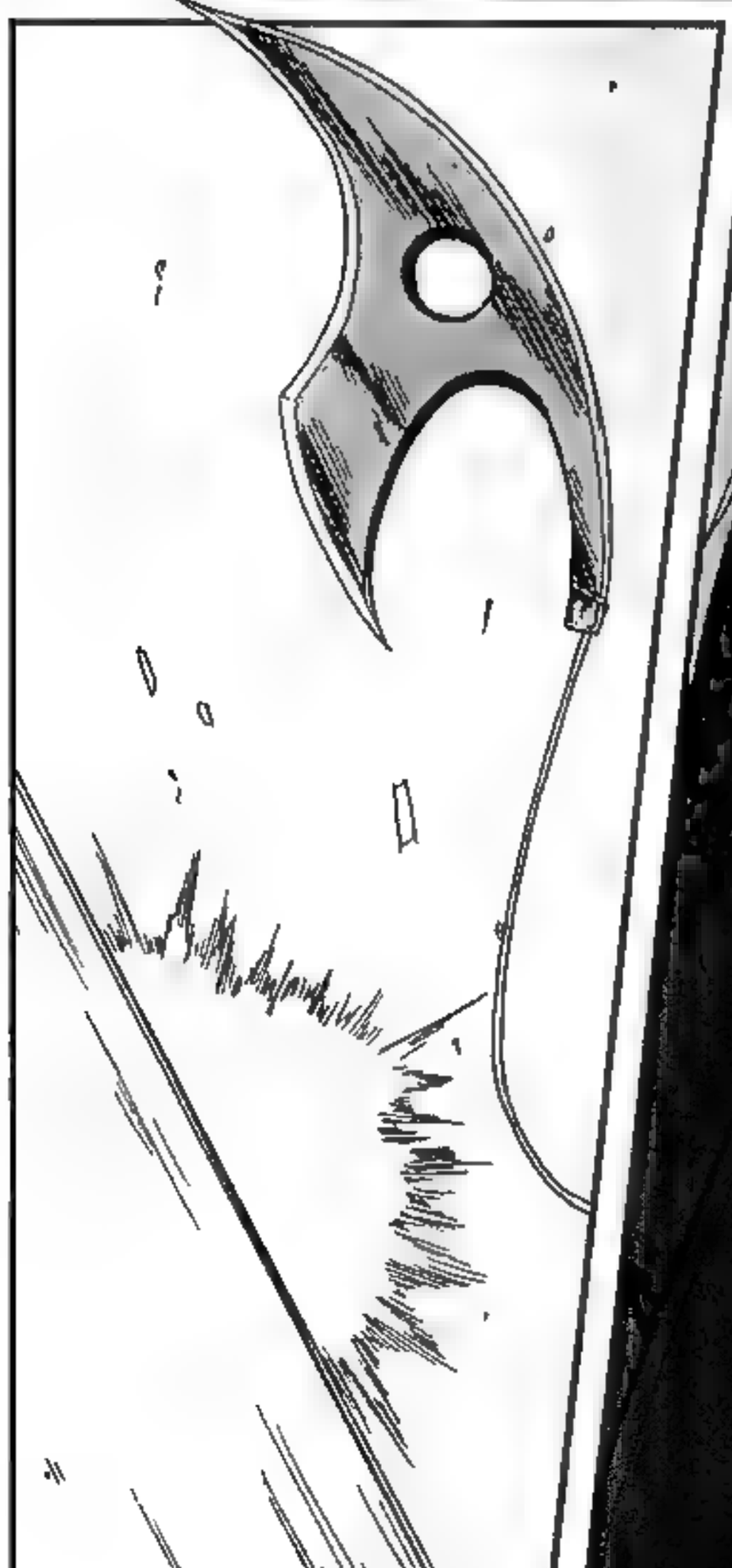
please come take them after school.

Since I have gathered all the prints,

Alice.

I think that's all,





This is my win.

Right?

I have two reasons.

Why did you stop?

.....

.....

Isn't that right?

"I can kill you anytime."

And also,

"It'll be worth putting you to use."

.....

...Compared to that, its structure and handling...

Next up is how to use a gun, however...

...Even earlier than what I had anticipated.

So you managed to tame Kumoito...

...It is much more simpler.

I managed to find this somehow.

.....

It was .nside the vent.at.on opening.

...The thread told me where it was.

The air flow surrounding the ventilation opening was weird, so...

I'm quite sure I placed it in a blind spot.

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Is that right..?

...And as I thoroughly investigated it...

I took off the cover...

Shoot.

You're naturally entitled to it.

Fine.

As you say.

...As well as kidnapping me...

Killing my uncle...

...All that's left is my gratitude to you for saving me.

And now...

...I'll forget all of it.

...My revenge has been satisfied.

And with this...

アラクニド I

Please tell me the plan

What-ever is needed.

Understood.

.....

Tomorrow midnight.

Come to the abandoned factory in ***Sector 4.***

I shall kill Suzume Bachi.

We will discuss the arrangements there.

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ゴーン

Tasty, huh! That toilet water!

How is it?

...You awake?

Why're you going through this..?

Fujii Alice.

Heyyy,

AHAHA HAHAH AHAHA HAHA!!

YOU MAN-AGED TO SAY IT!

Not only are you such a plain girl, but apart from those crappy, slow reflexes of yours...

...I'm pretty sure it'd suck to have such a mood!

...Just being alone in that class...

...A loner without any parents...

Growing up in a horrible life...

...Because you are asking for it?

Or is it really...

Which will it be?

Or are you going to switch schools?

Don't you wanna die?

AHAH AHAH AHAH AHAH AHA!!

...No way, you want us to force you to drink that toilet water again?!

Or is it because you want it one more time..?

We won't let'cha go until you choose.

Arachnids...

.....

Ah?
...weren't aggressive insects.
...originally...
But...
...Since their appearances gave others a bad fee.ing and so on...
IF they are attacked. .
..They bare their teeth and retaliate.
a carnivore whose sole purpose s to prey for food
How- ever, their true nature is...
...causing them to be hated.
...It got to them in a bad way just because of that gloomi- ness...
...I don't quite get your reasoning, whatever you are sayin-
Ehh...

Eh...

BWA-

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Eh?!

Eh-

GAH-

YOU...

.....

Quite right.

...Fujii Alice?

...Are you really...

Huh..?

...intend to kill people.

I...

...It would be somewhat nerve-wrecking if I were to suddenly begin the perform-ance, so...

However...

...with a rehearsal.

...I would like to start off...

アラクニド
ARACHNID

Chapter 4 : For Your Sake...

...I intend to kill people.

I...

What the heck...

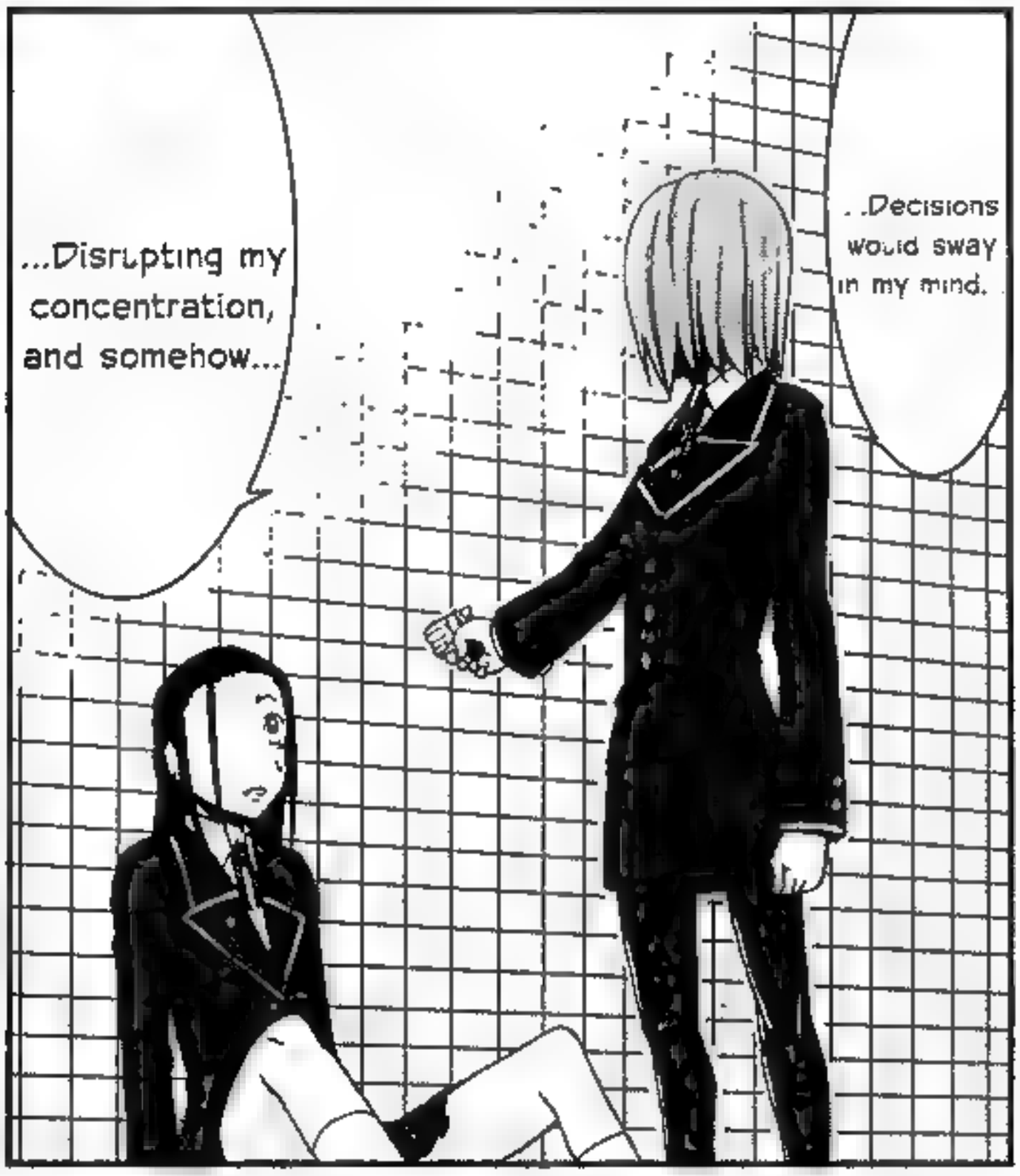
So I'd like to have some rehearsal practice, okay?

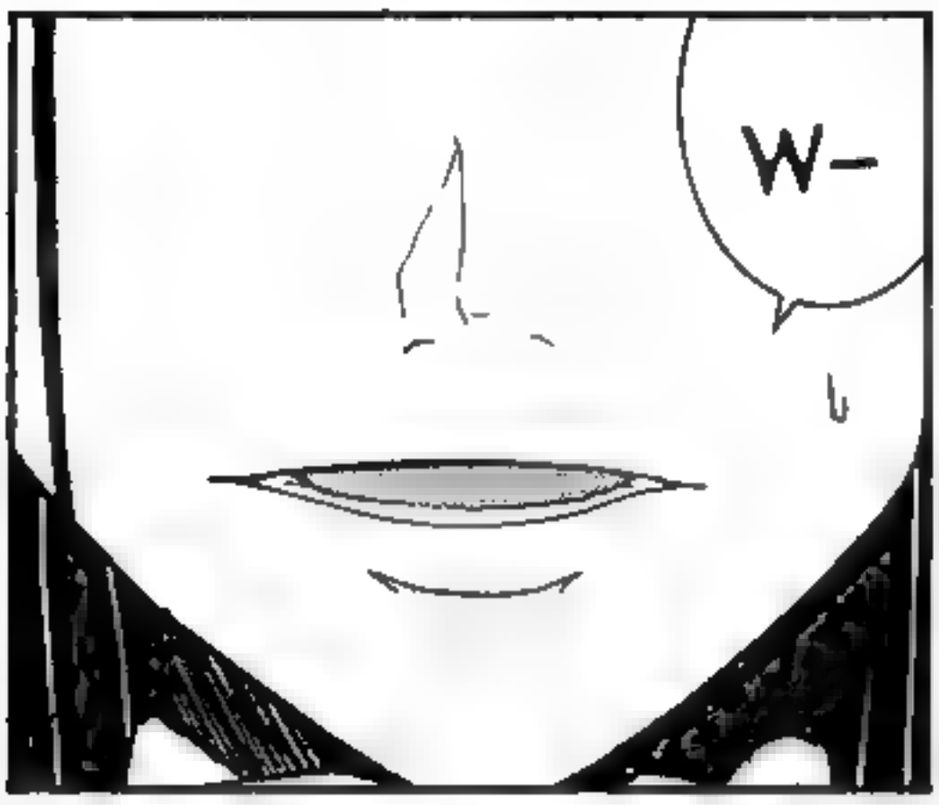
That toy...

T-

Well say...
...to bring that to school..?
Did you think that it would be okay...
...While I was crying and begging for my life and so on...

...You want to know how I did it, right?


...Disrupting my concentration, and somehow...
..Decisions would sway in my mind.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What are you saying..? Stop it already...

Save me..!

...These are just within the scope of one's imagin-ation.

Pity and thoughts of regret...

Since after all...

But how this performance will turn out, I have no idea.

...anything special in particular, is there..?

There isn't...

EEK..!

...I have no choice but to kill.

カチン

Sayonara.

Thanks for your cooper-ation.

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I'm quite sure I aimed, but...
How weird.
Huh?
.....

GAH!
G-
EEK..!

EEEEK!!

What is...

...this...

...I can't breathe...

It hurts...

In the arachnid family...
However...
...you can probably see some species that live lifestyles without the need to rely on their threads.
Haa...
Haa...
Haa...
Haa...

...They don't exist.

...Arachnids that can live without relying on the use of their threads...

They also have a mark that indicates to them where they are, and exactly how far of a distance they are heading.

...This is the only lifeline that protects them while they head downwards.

...walks on a thread called ***Shiori-ito***, or a sort of guideline thread, however...

Every arachnid ultimately

Although they are terrifying hunters...

Arachnids hunt for their prey with these marvellous abilities of theirs.

.....

...They will be rendered unable to even move.

...If they did not have their threads...

...This has never happened to me until today...

What the hell...

...mostly calm down already...

I've managed to...

...But...

...a random attack from this Excess Hereditary Concentration or something like that...

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...Or could it really be

"You can control it."

Assassin-san said that also.

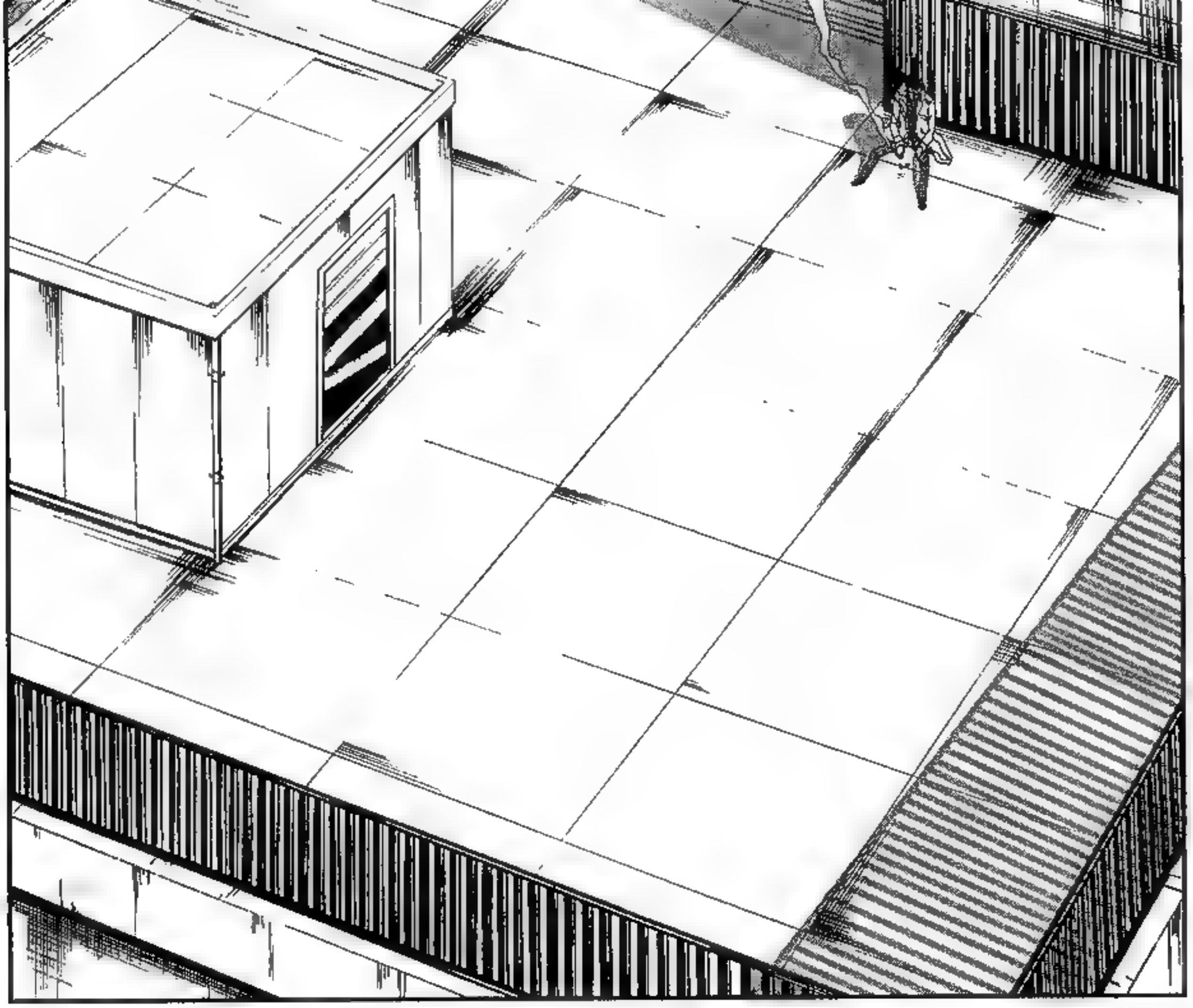
That's why, I'll be fine.

As long as I have this...

...If I have Kumoito with me...

...I'll be fine.

...I'll be fine...



I'm very sorry!!

She's late, ain't she?

Huh?

Cigarettes?

...carried away with something...

I got a little...

...Some-thing like that...

Ahh...

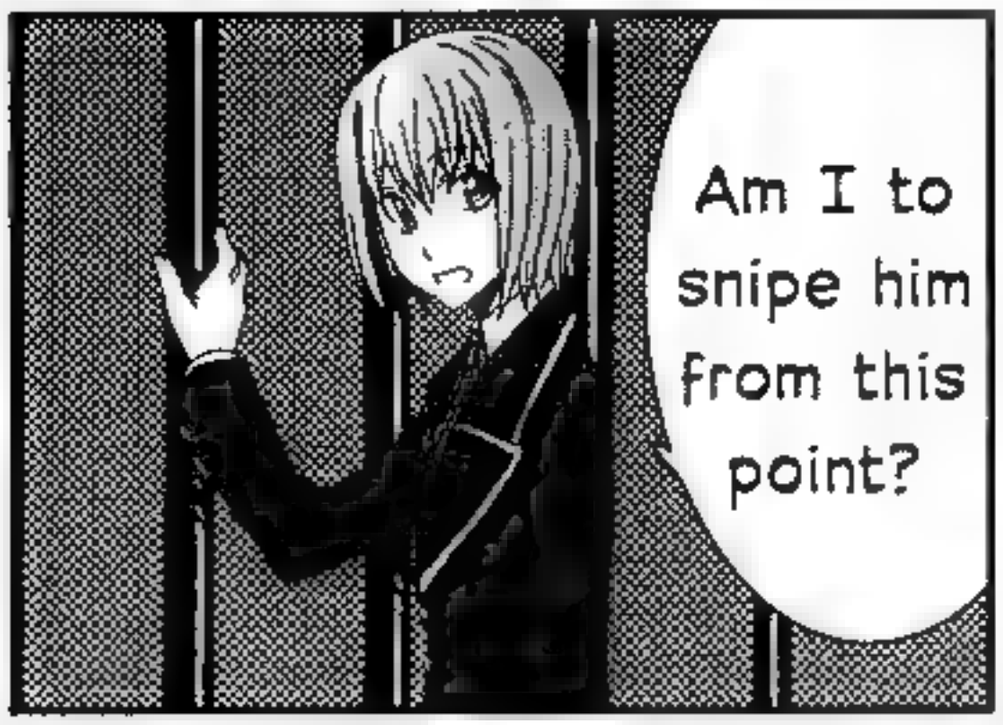
...saying that you would quit already?

Didn't I recall you...

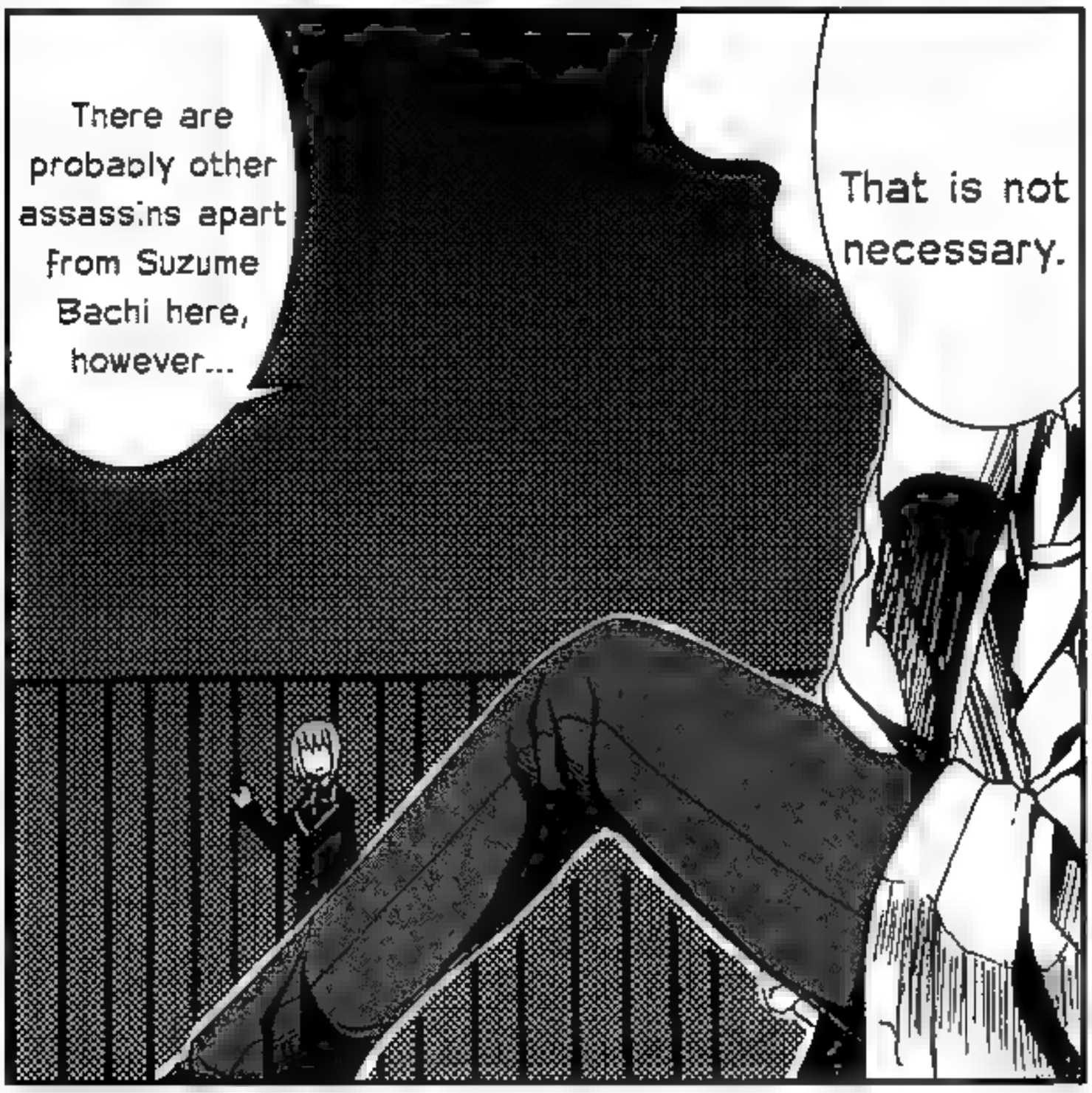
.....

Suzume Bachi will definitely show his face.
And at that time,

...they use the courtyard here.
When The Organization sells family registers to foreigners...


Am I to snipe him from this point?

Even though there are quite a few, there are only four total.


There are probably other assassins apart from Suzume Bachi here, however...
That is not necessary.

...are already two of them.

And you and I...

...If I do it well...

But...

Ahh...

...would head straight to hell, right?

If I fail, both of us...

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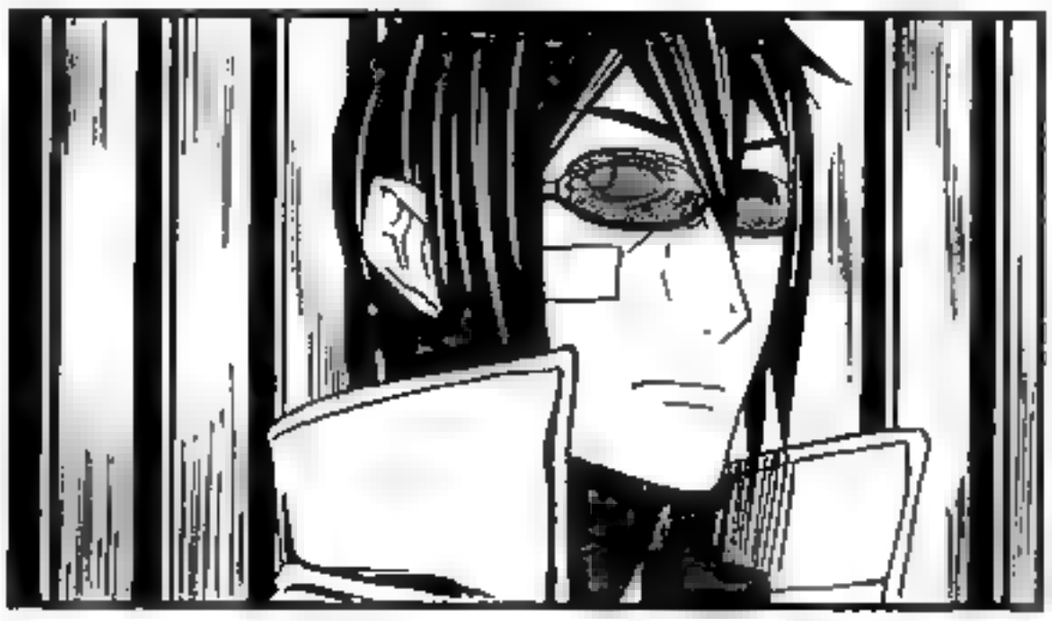
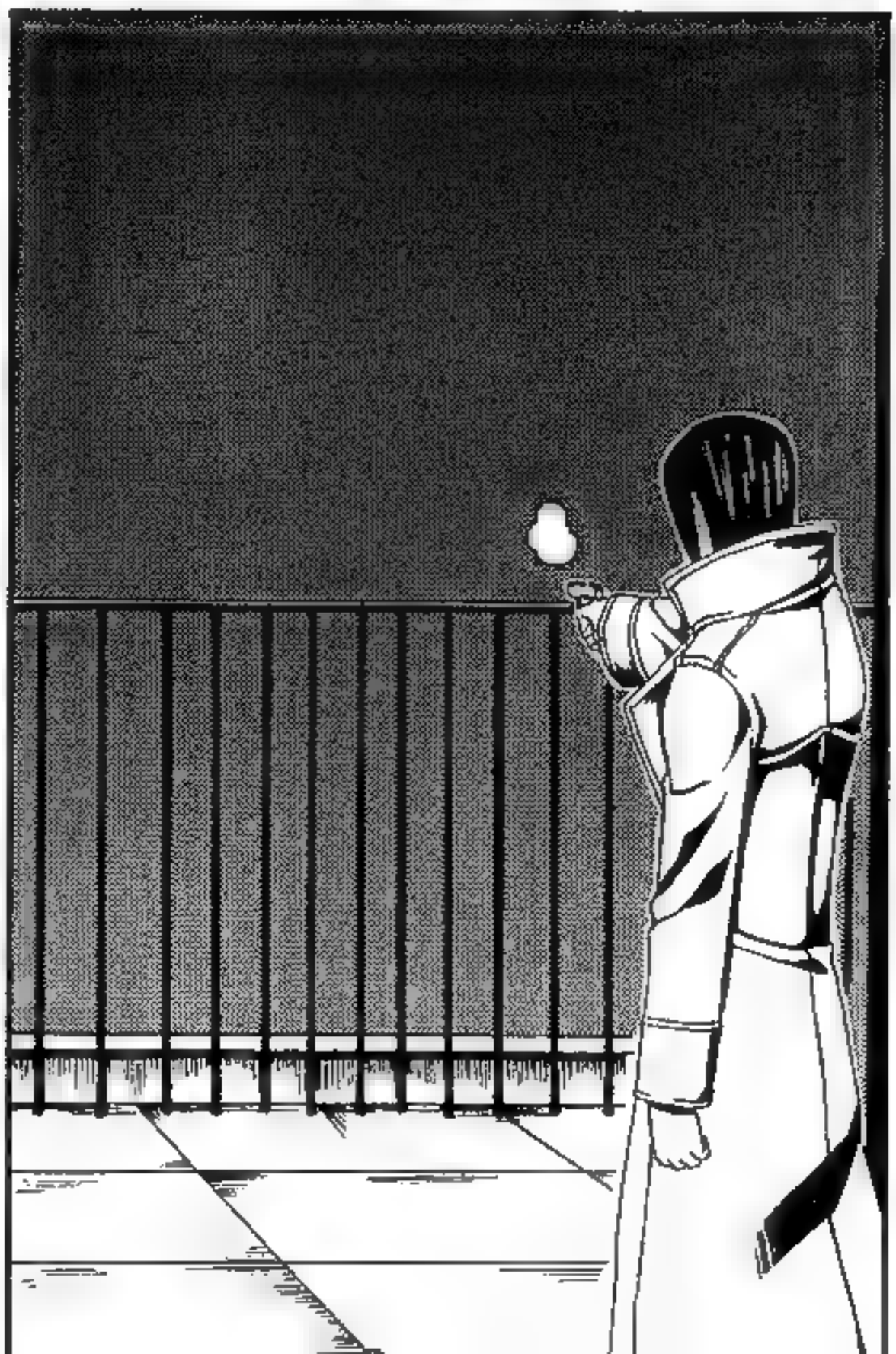
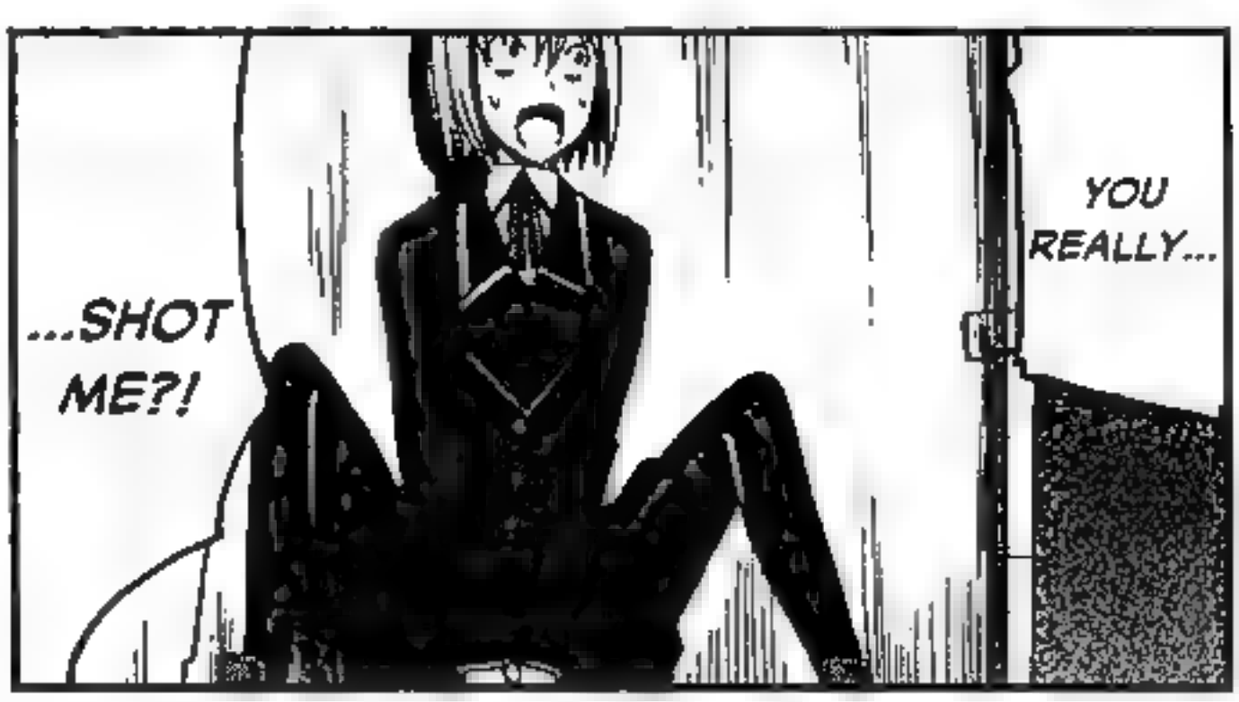


...you quickly dodged it, huh...
Just as I was about to shoot..




...SHOT ME?!
YOU REALLY...

Y—
HAA...

...You've become way too strong.
Alice...

I didn't shoot you as a joke.

D-

...It would be dangerous if you were allowed to live.

An assassin with further increasing skill better than I...

W-

WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?!

...have become way too strong.

YOU...

FOR THE SAKE OF KILLING SUZUME BACHI!!

DIDN'T YOU SAY WE'D DO IT FOR THAT?!

I...

...am really doing it...

...for your sake...

ARACHNID
アラクニド

ASSASSIN-SAN!!

PLEASE STOP!

You have become far too strong.

I told you.

WHY ARE YOU DOING THI-

WHY?!

THAT...

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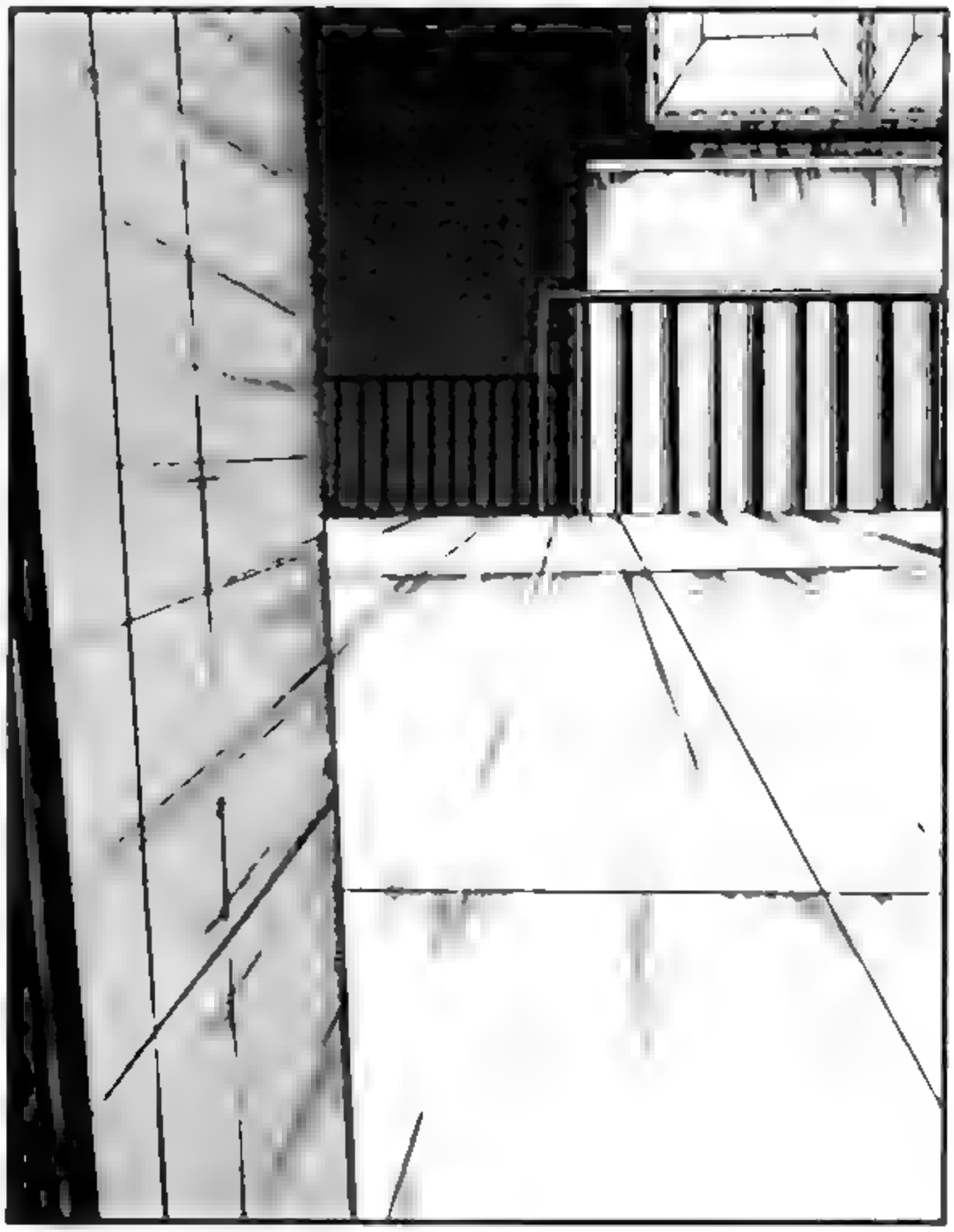
I...

...for your sake...

...am really doing it...

Chapter 5 : Protecting You With All My Might



that survive by specializing in preying on other arachnids

An arachnid with a long and narrow body that camouflages with conifer leaves.

The Araneus cylindriventer or the Long-Tailed Spider.

...And while pretending to be a harmless bush it waits for its prey.

Also called "pennant", it will stretch out a single thread...

...And once they are close enough...

...Another predatory spider will follow the [illegible]

And all...

The thread of the Long Tailed Spider...

...appears to be nothing but a guide for doubtful arachnids, however...

...to feast.

...The Ariamnes utilizes a thread knitted into a belt shape so it can begin...

It is simply a straight pathway leading to one's demise.

...It is just a trap.

Not here...

Haa...

Haa

Haa.

...He isn't here..

He's on the other s.de...

...of that wall...

The only place left...

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Haa.

Haa...

Haa...

Haa...

...NO WAY...

...NOT HERE...

.....

...ASS-ASSIN-SAN...

...IS ALSO MOVING...

HE REALLY IS...

...DEAD SERIOUS!

Scary...

...Could it be...

...this massive pressure?

What's with...

...a duel to the death?!

...It's exactly like the feeling I had that time.

...This is the harsh pressure one feels when involved with death...

This is a match with one's life at stake...

Once that massive pressure forces you down...

Back then I thought I understood... But as it turns out, I didn't learn a thing.

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ドクン
……

...you die.

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ドクン

...What I should do is...

...Right now ..

In order to survive...

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ドクン
ドクン

...Conc-entrate.

This getting forced in thing...

I don't want to die...

Think!

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ドクン
ドクン

……

...Before I die...

...I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT KILL.

...I'm sure I saw him.

This time...

...is he hiding?!

This wall...

...Just where...

H-

HE'S NOT HERE..?!

WHER-

U

...SO JUST WHERE THE HEL-

I'M SURE THERE ISN'T ANYWHERE ELSE FOR YOU TO HIDE, NOR ANY TIME ANYWAY...

WHERE ARE YOU?!

.....
...Why didn't I notice this earlier?!
This blood-stain...
...It's from before...

T-

...I will find out where he is hidin-

If I follow this...

...That must be it..!!

That...

Ha-

Haha...

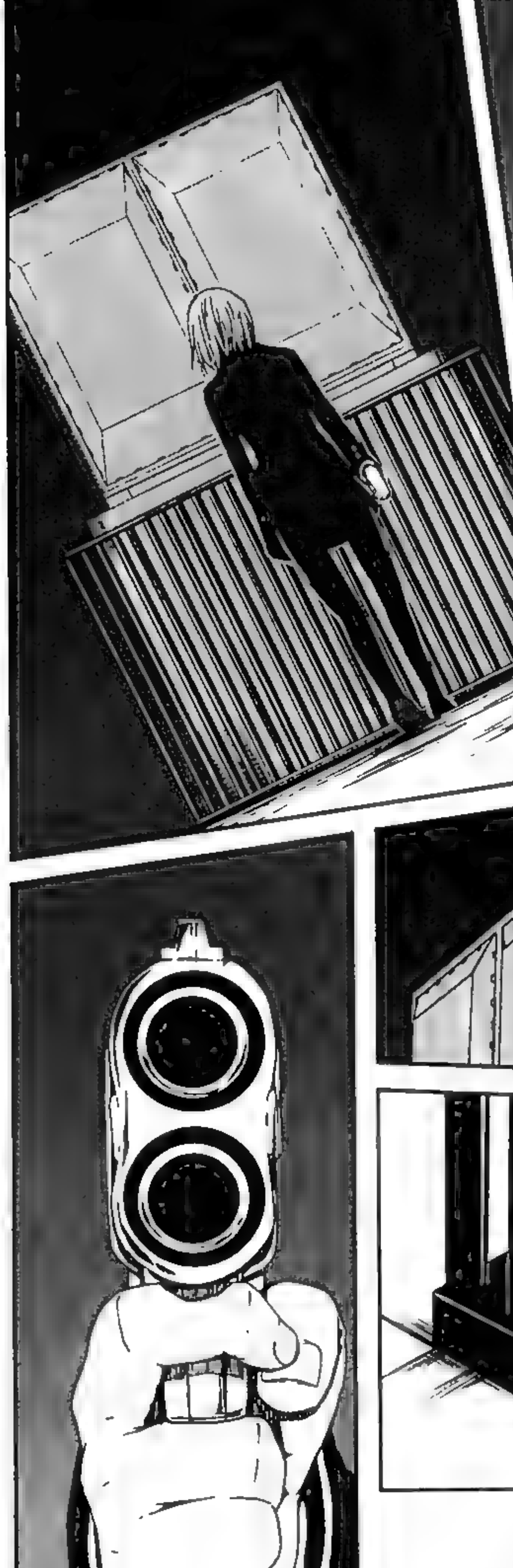
!!!

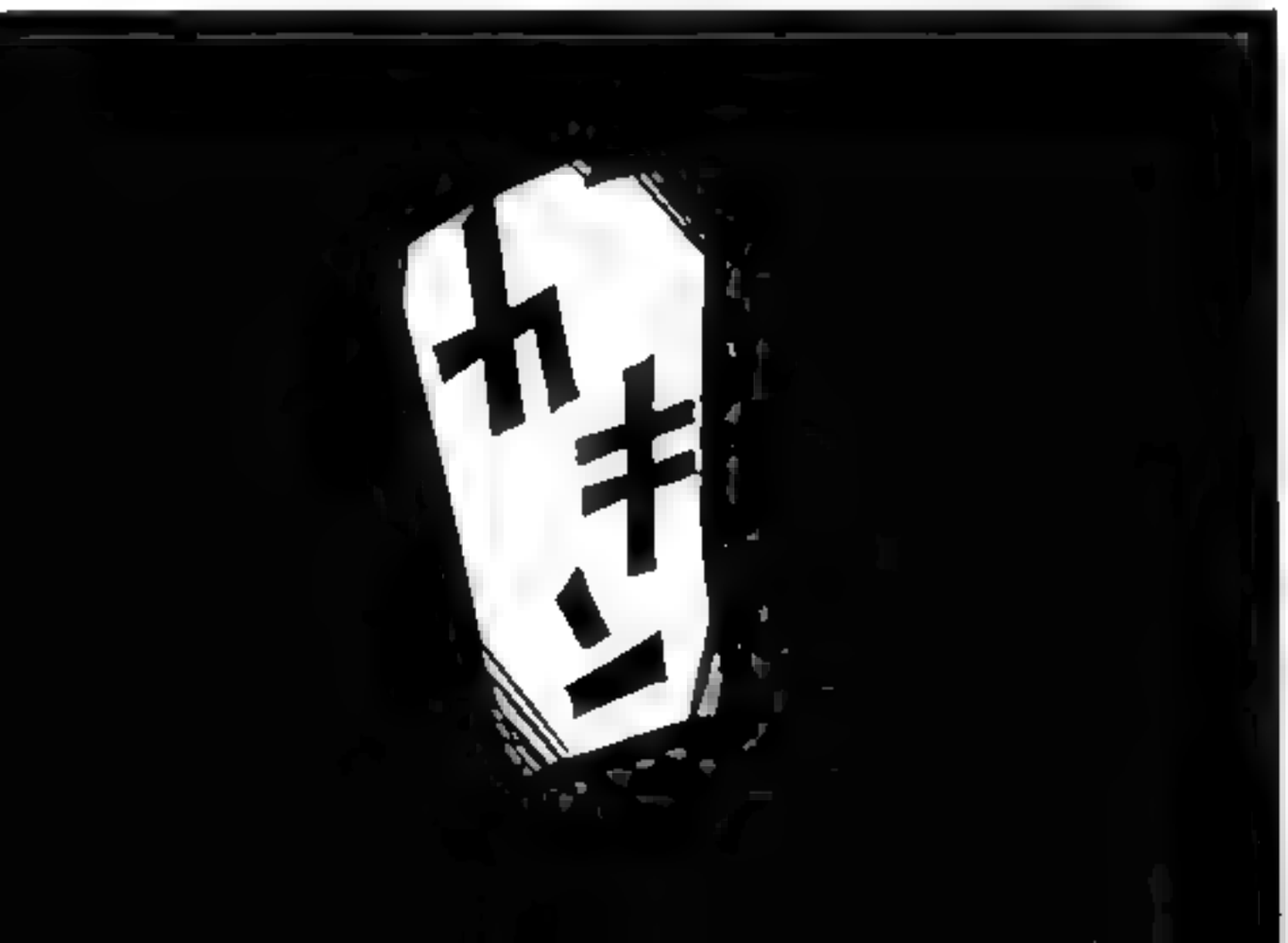
...I'm coming for you!

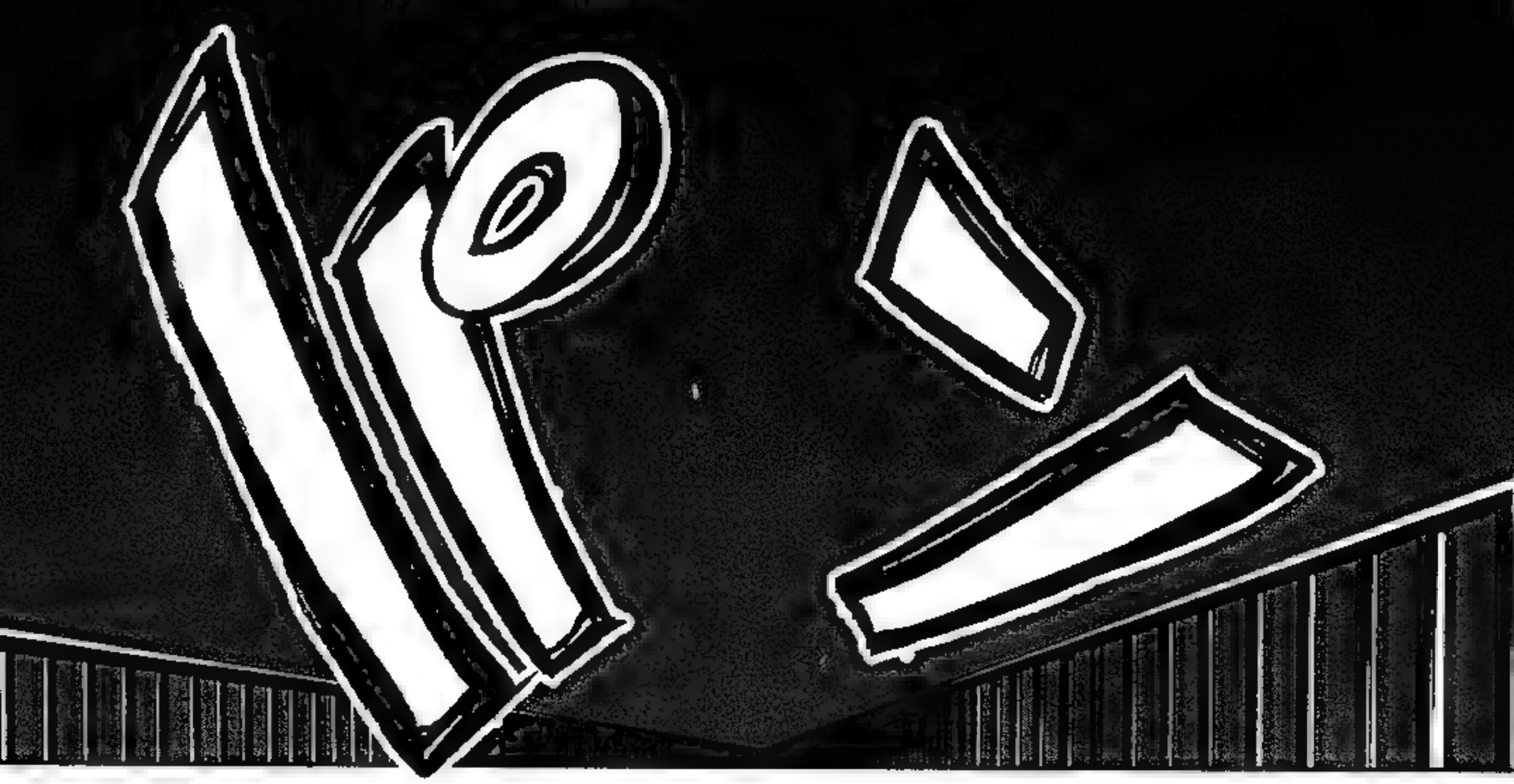
...Since now...

Please wait for just a moment.

...Assassin-san...



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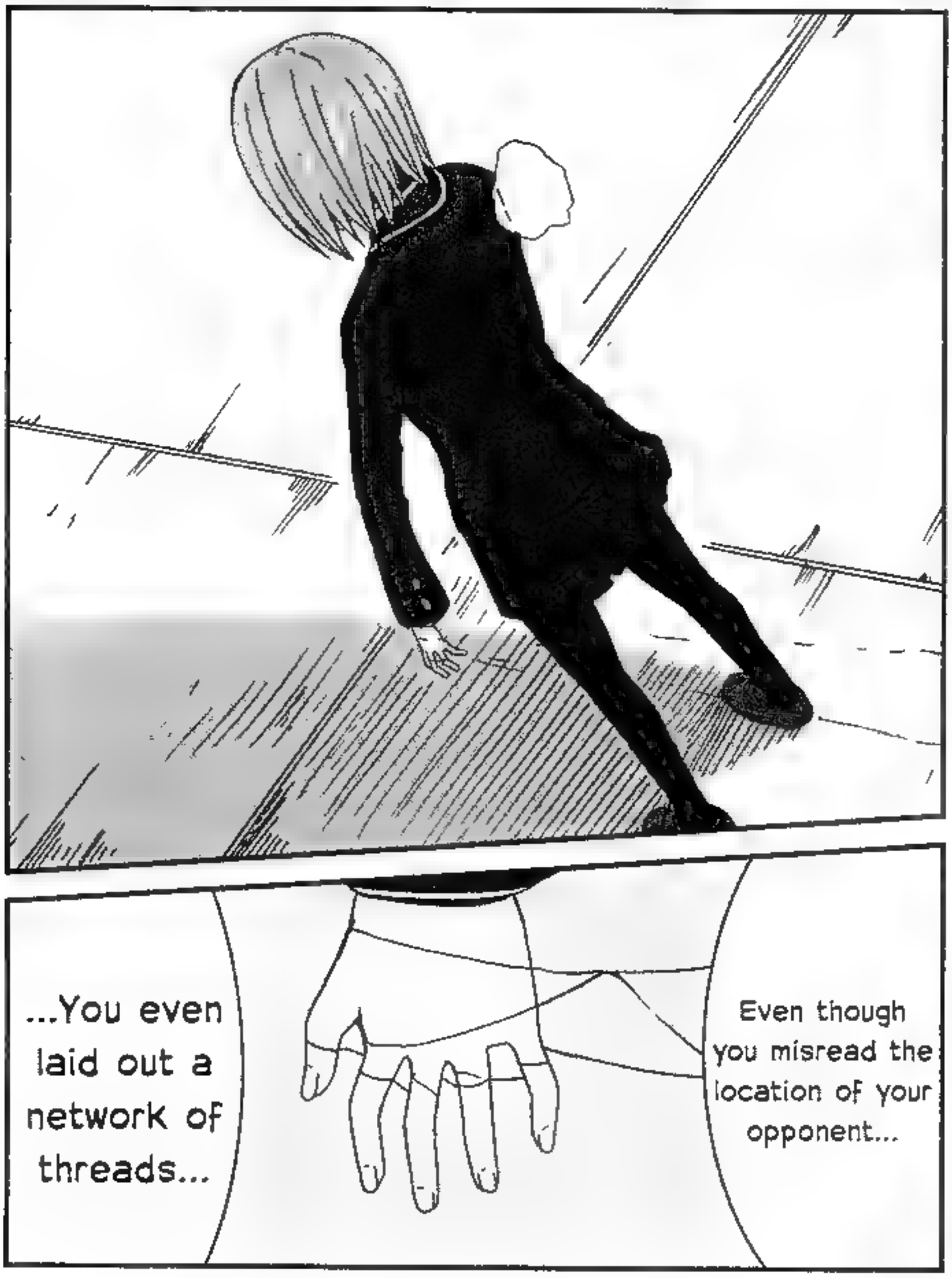
...You even laid out a network of threads...
Even though you misread the location of your opponent...

Though the trap failed...

...You still continued to stretch your web.

With that, you can perceive any nearby motion or sound.

You set up a high precision sensor, right?

...Kumo.

You... Really are more proficient than I am at being...

T. Note: Kumo here reads his name as "Arachne" instead of "Kumo" to show that being an arachnid is not limited to just him.

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ASS-
ASSIN-
SAN..!

U-

UGH...

!

Haa...

Haa

Haa...

ASS-
ASSIN-
SAN!!

!!

ARE YOU
OKAY?!
ASSASSIN-
SAN!!

ASS-
ASSIN-
SAN!

...actually exist?

Does an opponent who worries about their enemy...

We are in a war.

.....

Before, I told you...

Why... This...

Why..?

That person was...

I wasn't talking about Suzume Bachi.

Remember when I said that?

"...There is somebody I want you to get rid of."

...Yes!

Yes...

...me.

...And without a family or a job, you do not receive any social support.

Those who do not have a family are regarded as "the weak."

...manages citizens in each family unit.

This country...

...I spent my life living as trash.

Swallowing this corrupted society...

You're discriminated against for no reason.

There were some who wanted me dead.

I constantly wanted to die.

.....

...There just wasn't anyone who could take me on.

However, among all the other trash like me...

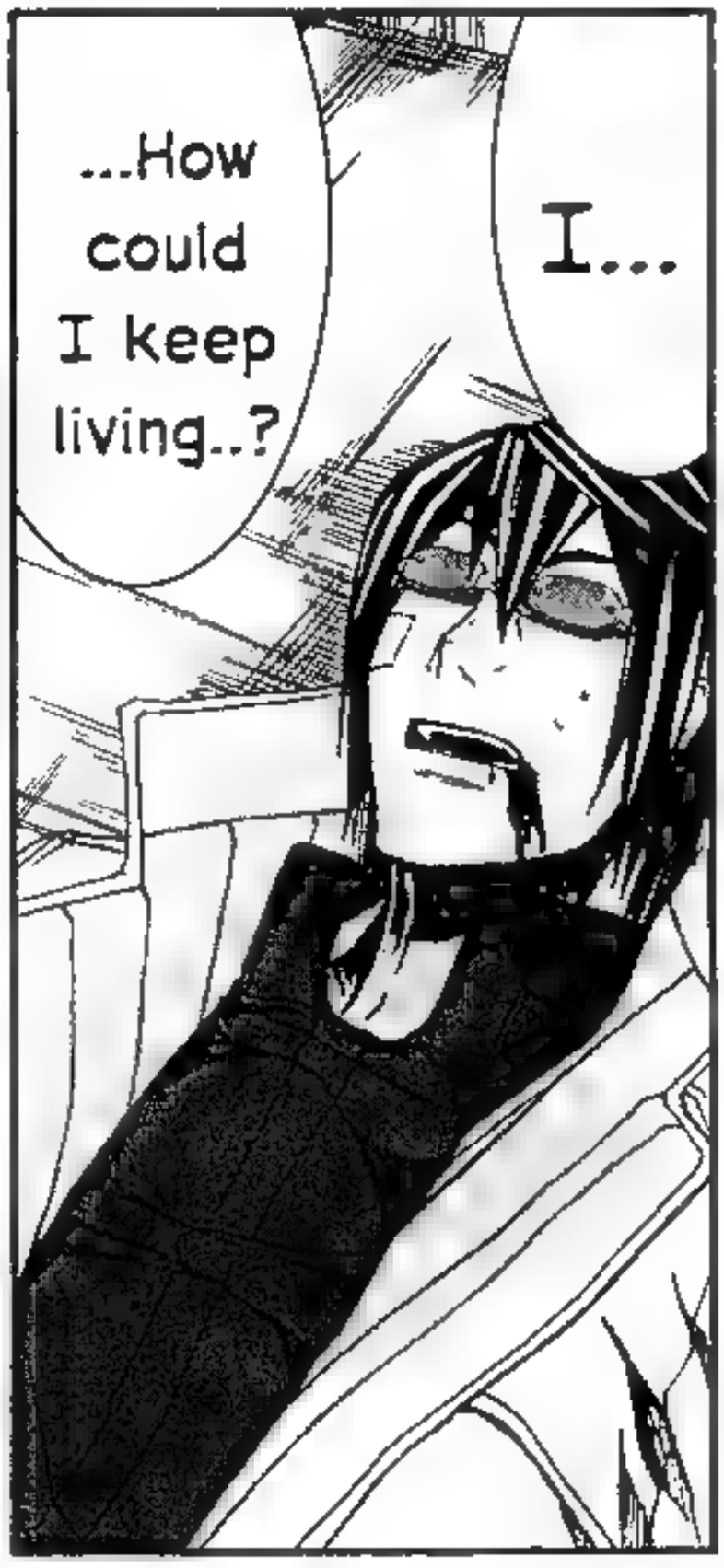
You can.

However, you are different.

.....
If you died...

...That would be the best.
If I let you kill me...

...steal your name.
Don't let anyone...


...How could I keep living..?
I...

...becoming someone else's tool.
If a name is stolen, they themselves disappear...

.....

...Just like me.

...You are Kumo.

Alice...

You don't hunt like butterflies or moths...

...Nor do you separate into pieces like bees or ants...

Live on as Kumo.

With its own strength, it captures everyone.

You are strong.

It's okay.

What should I do..?

...I'm not strong at all...

I... I can't do it...

Ass-assin-san...

.....

...I'm not a young girl...

...I...

You're an energetic young girl.

I raised you.

...Sorry.

Yeah, huh? You're quite right...

Alice...

YOU SHOULDN'T MOVE!

STAY STILL!

AH-

That being...

...sa d...

...Shoot me.

I can't do it...

I-

It's a fatal wound.

I'll die like this anyway.

J"IP

...is my one true wish.

You killing me...

You're...

...just saying that...

I beg you...

.....

...Father...

I...

I'm not as nice as you had thought

.....!

Farewell

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AAAAAA
AAAAAA
HHHHHH
HHHHHH
HHHHHH
HHHHHH
HHHHHH
HHHHHH
HHHHHH
HHHHHH
HHHH!!!!

...Gin *Yanma* to Suzume Bachi.

Ohh..?

Is that right..?

The killer was Fujii Alice.

Kumo has died.

...It's just as the boss predicted, huh?

In the end...

Under-stood.

...Kill her.

Ahh...

Shall I shoot her?

...Wait.

Actua.y

As this young girl is the new Kumo...

...It seems she is to join our group.

Don't kill her.

I received a new command.

It would be best if I killed her now.

It's impossible for her to become part of anything like our group.

Don't be stupid.

.....

...Gin Yanma?

Are you planning to defy the boss...

I will continue observing her.

Understood.

Tamura Masako.

As I call your name, please come and get it.

Here!

...I will return your tests.

Ehh... With that being said...

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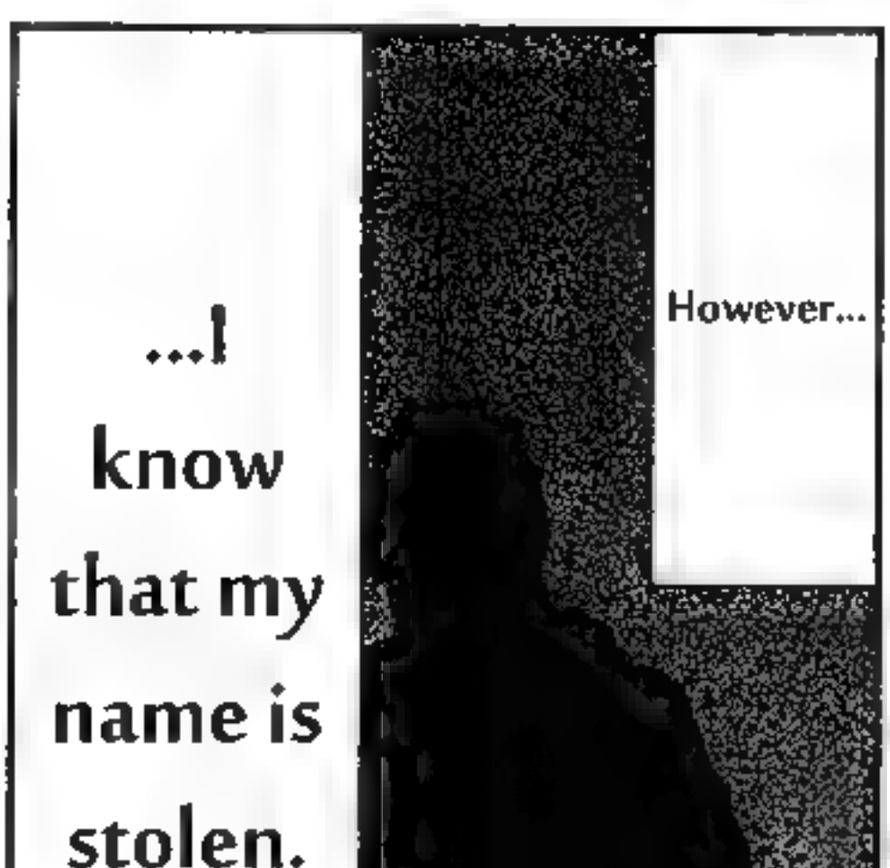
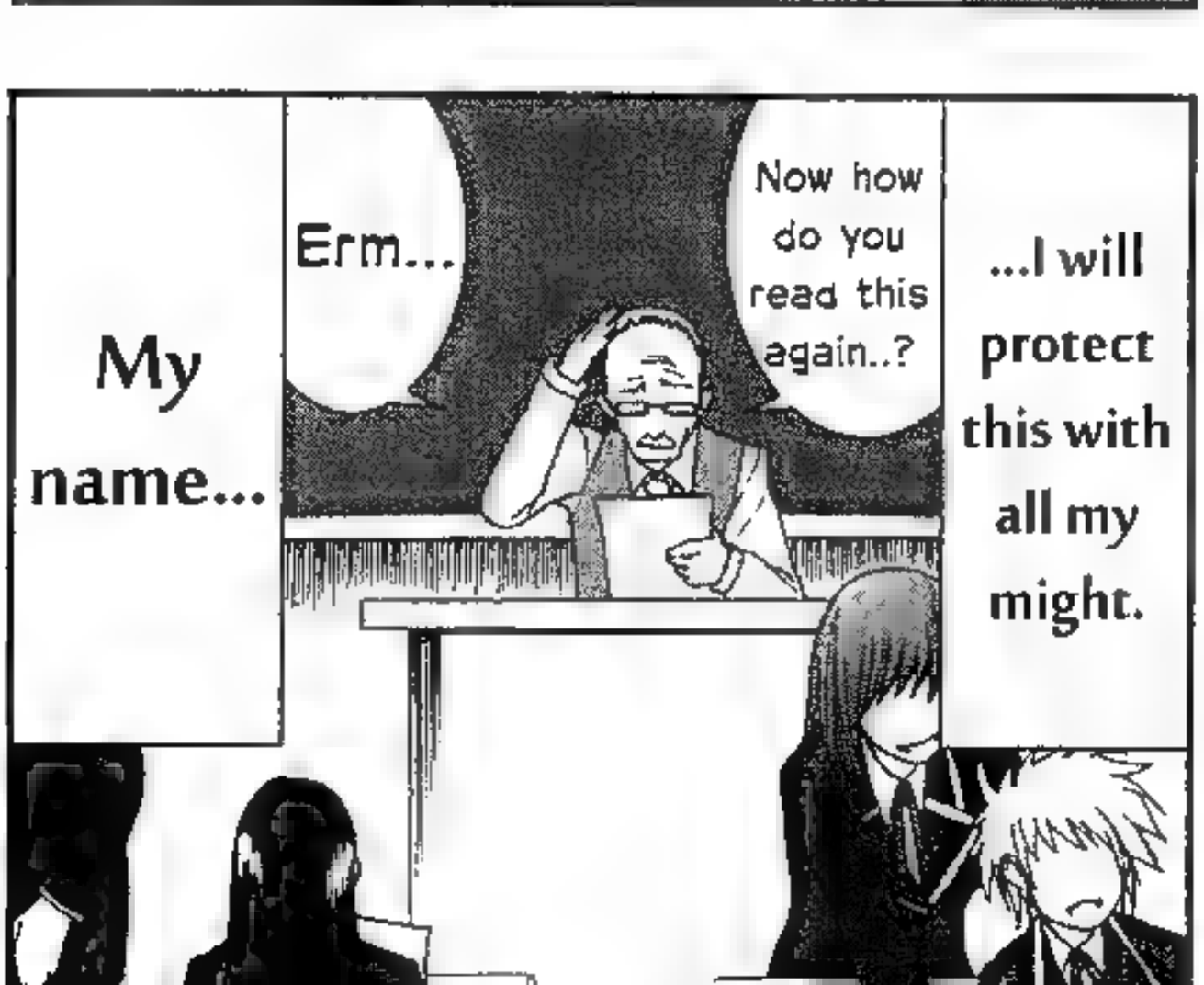
These people...

Kazama Ryouko.
Here!
Noguchi Ken.
Here!
Nishiguchi Tae.
Here...

...that their name belongs to them.
...They naturally believe...

Even if I have to kill...
A-
Fujii...
That's why I will protect this.


...I know that my name is stolen.
However...


My name...
Erm...
Now how do you read this again..?
...I will protect this with all my might.

It is the most important thing in the world, so...

...is what these people have left for me.

Fujii Alice.

...Alice.

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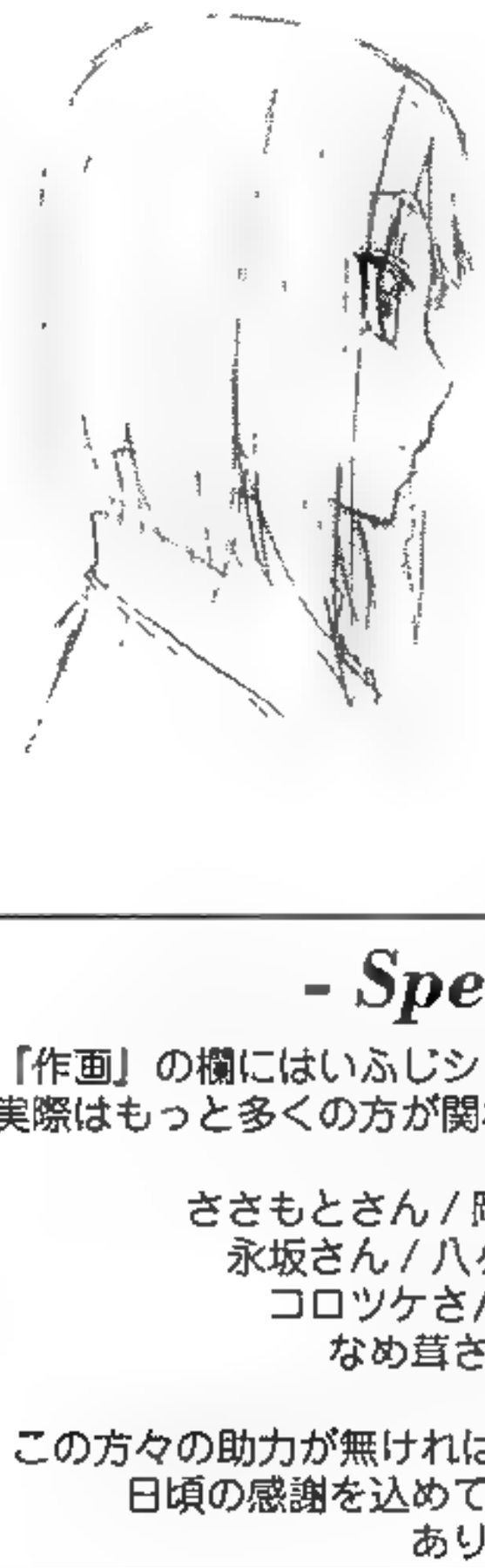

- *Special Thanks* -

『作画』の欄にはいふじシンセン一人の名前しか書いてありませんが
実際はもっと多くの方が関わり、作画の手助けをして下さっています。

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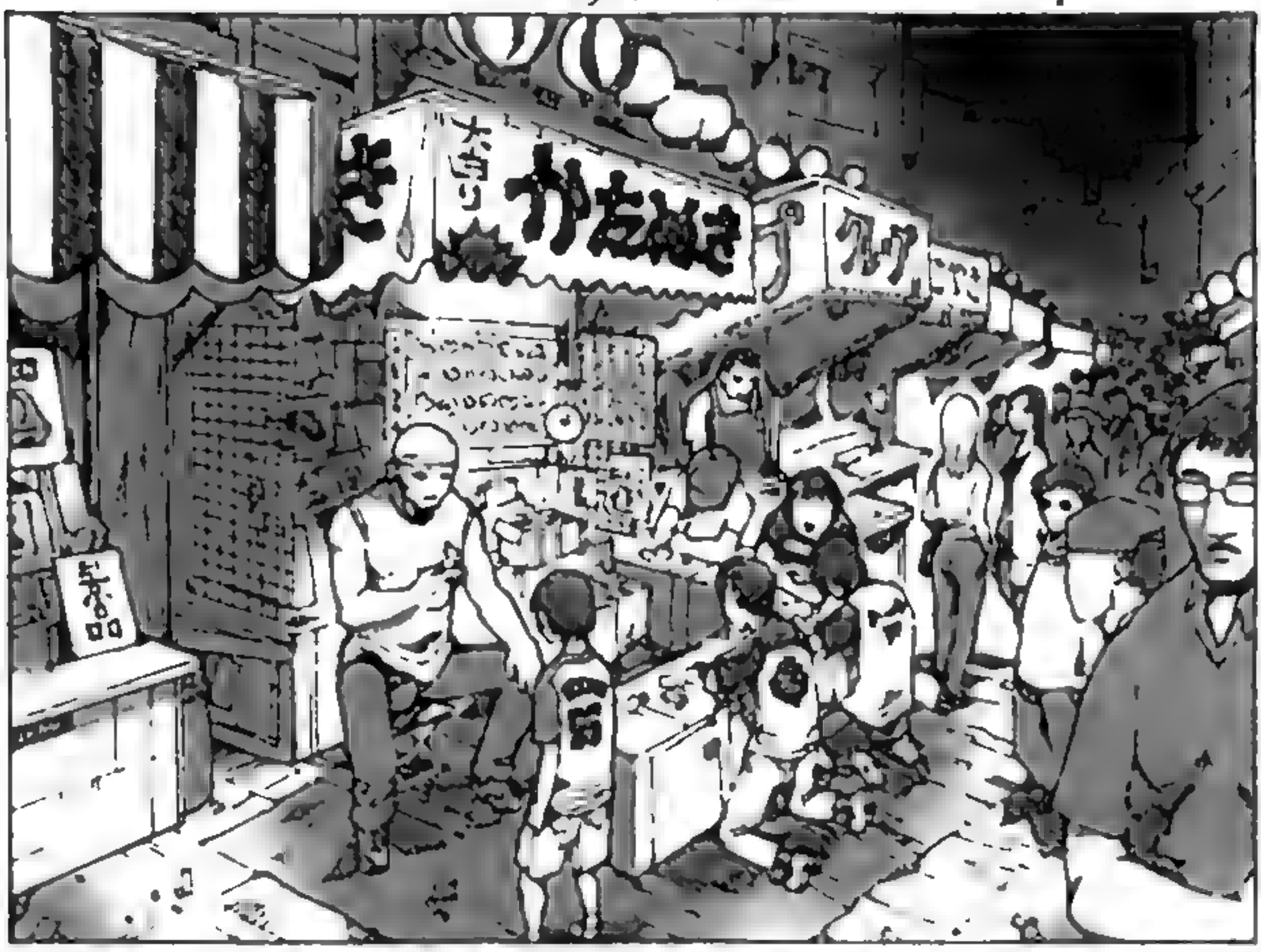
コロツケさん / ミナミさん / 塩津さん
なめ茸さん / 兎沢さん / 蔓紫さん

この方々の助力が無ければこの本はおろか連載すら出来ていません。
日頃の感謝を込めて、この場を借りてお礼申し上げます。
ありがとうございます！

Fuji Alice, Five Years Old. Temple Festival.



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Take it and go.

Is that fine?

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AAA

E-Eh? Well...

.....

...You'd think kids would only do one or two, right?

Usually...

Huh?

What the hell are you doing?

Your job is to chase away any brat that makes any mistake, no matter how good it's done.

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Oi.

Isn't that the best prize we have?

END

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In Chapter 1, Page 41, I wrote in Panel 3, "If you have anybody you want to get rid of," This is actually incorrect. I lacked the context at the time, so I did it to the best of my judgment. I actually fixed it once, in Chapter 2, Page 67, Panel 4. What Kumo was actually saying is in Page 181 of this chapter, which you will see shortly. I at first considered v2ing Chapter 1, but decided that it wasn't such a big issue. But now that Kumo seems to be emphasizing it again, I will v2 Chapter 1 sometime later on. It's not that big of an issue, hence why I just put this note in instead of v2ing it.

On the last page of this chapter, Alice uses «有栖» for her name, which means «having a nest. Why? I dunno. You don't even read it like that. But okay.

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...why I released this early.

You're probably wondering about...

...donations equal faster releases...

Then I guess...

Yes, that's right.

Guess it tempted you into releasing this earlier than as planned.

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